February 1 6.

Sir.

The deposits received at the Mint during the week ending Yesterday were as follows:

Gold	$365,000
Silver (including Dimes)	102,516
Total	$467,516

The Coinage during the same time was as follows:

Gold - Double Eagle 6,952	$139,040
Silver Dollars 28,000 = $28,000	
" Dollars 105,000 - 103,000 =	134,000
(Copper) Cents 91,140	911.40
Total Pieces 243,267	Value $301,951.40

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. Sam'l Guthrie
Sec'y of the Treasury
Washington City

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 1. 1854.

Sir

I have this day forwarded in the usual manner, for Receipt and Statement inclosed. Six boxes, containing Twenty Three Fine gold bars. Weighing 17,648.444 Ozs Gross. of the Net Value of $359.957.61 the receipt of which please acknowledge.

I am in receipt of Twenty Six Thousand Silver dollars. by the Adams Express Comp. and have placed the same to your Credit.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt

Wm. J. Vleo
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 114. Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Fifty Bars containing 17,613.111 Ozt. Gold Bullion,

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 359,957.61

Three Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand,

Nine Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 1 1856

J. Adams & Son for Comp. U.S. Assayer

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, February 15th, 1858

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury deems it proper before an arrangement be made for the supplies of acids for the use of the Mint and your office, that sealed proposals for the supply required at the same respectively be advertised for, in order that the different manufacturers may enter into competition. I have therefore to request that you will advertise for the quantity required for your office, giving a reasonable time for the proposals to be made, and to open the same in the presence of such bidders as may attend at the time fixed, transmitting the several proposals for the decision of the Secretary.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the advertisement inviting proposals for supplying the Mint with acid for one year from the 1st. day of April next, which is sent as indicating the form of advertisement proposals being here.

I am, very respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director.

J. K. Butterworth, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Proposals for supplying the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia with acid.

Sealed proposals will be received at the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, until 12 o'clock, M. of the first day of March next, for the supply of Nitric and Sulphuric acids required by that institution for one year from the 1st of April, 1858; in such quantities and at such times as the Undersigned may direct. The Nitric acid of which proposals not less than 40,000 lbs will be required, to be pure and of the strength of 36° Baumé. The Sulphuric acid to which proposals are invited to be commercial oil of vitriol, marking 66°.

The proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock, M. of the day fixed above mentioned date, in the presence of such bidders as may attend.

The proposals will state the prices per pound at which the bidder will deliver the acid as specified, and will be endorsed "Proposals for supplying U.S. Mint with acid."

(Signed) James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Covington Indiana
Feb 1 1864

James Hoge Shewalter Esq
Director the U States Mint
Dear Sir

On the 19 th day of Dec last I delivered one bag of silver coin valued at seventy five dollars marked "United States Mint Philadelphia" to Mr Benham Agent of the "American express Co" at Indianapolis Ind and enclosed in the bag a note to the mint directing you to return to me or perhaps R M Corbaley & Co at Indianapolis silver change for the same I remained at Indianapolis for fourteen days and then not yet having received a return I requested the agent at Indianapolis to forward the return to D Hoge Esq Lafayette and come home Time rolled on until I wrote to the agent of the express company at Indianapolis but he did not see fit to answer I write to trouble you to inform me what you know about it

Yours truly
R M Corbaley

From Co.
R. M. Webster
Covington
Ind

Lough [illegible] 9 Feb/[illegible]

H A Lindeman [illegible]

Dear Sir Rec^d a parcel of

The ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]

mentioned in the [illegible] Express [illegible]

of the value of $76, since the 19th Nov.

We may have refused a deposit so small

but I don't know that we did & don't

think the Doctor [illegible] refused the

deposit coming so far if it had been

presented. But if you wish it I will

ask Mr. Harrison who usually brings

the deps: of the Amer Express.

Your Most Obt Svt

H [illegible]

Mr Harrison says a dep of this description came to him with instruction to send back if too small he said it being smaller than we are accustomed to take and not wishing to give Most trouble he sent it back & said this gent's sh^d write the Amer Exp here.

February 9. 6

Sir

Your favor of the 1st inst. respecting a parcel of silver coin placed by you in the hands of the American Express Co. for transmission to the Mint, has been received. In reply I have to state that no such parcel has been received at the Mint. It is no doubt in the possession of the above Express Co. whom you had better address on the subject.

I am, very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

E. M. Whitaker Esqr
Lexington,
Indiana

Exchange Bank

Louisville, Ind., Jany 31 1856

Hon R. Sturgeon
Treas. Mint Phila.
Dear Sir

Are you now coining, or have you a supply at all times of New Silver Dollar coins? And can I purchase some of you in Quantities of $1.000. more or less, at par, for sight Drafts on the Cities of either New York or Philadelphia? an early reply will oblige

Yours truly
R. D. Wood Cash.

Philada Feby 1/56

The U S Mint

To Margt Leicy D

To 270 Gold bags @ 3.11 p C — $8.10

Recd payt in full

Margt Leicy

for C & J Leicy

Philada Feby 7/56

The U S Mint

To Margt Leacy Dr

To 470 Silver bags @ $10.00 p 100 — $47.00

Recd payt

Margt Leacy

pr W B Leacy

Correct

Geo K Childs

Sr Clk

Duplicate.

Philadelphia January 4th 1856

A United States Branch Mint, San Francisco.

Bought of **WILLIAM H. SCHIVELY,**

Terms.

{Any deductions are to be claimed within 5 days after delivery of the Goods.}

Importer of Drugs, Chemicals, Colors, Apothecaries' Ware, &c.

No. 43 NORTH FRONT STREET.

Delivered from Ship "Hercules" at Philadelphia.	Three Forcel. Pots for refining 220 lb each 2 handles	@ 45 cash net	$ 135. —
	off Duty on 3 Pots $4.92 each	14. 76	$ 120. 24
January 8th	Three Forcel. Pots for refining 220 lb		
Delivered from Ship Orpheus at New York	each 2 handles	@ 45 cash net	$ 135. —
	One Forcel. Pot for do.	@ 220 lb	
	without handles	@ 45. less 10%	40. 50
			$ 175. 50
	off Duties on 4 Pots —	18. 64	156. 86.
			$ 277. 10

Correct
J. H. Booth
M. A. R.

Rec'd Payment in full
Febry 5. 1856
W. H. Schively

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/FEBRUARY (CONT.)

U. S. Mint,
Chief Coiner's Office,
Philad.a Feby 29. 1856

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint
Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report that the Rolling and Cutting Room is now completed, and the Machinery connected with it fully arranged & it is working with entire satisfaction to all the parties concerned; it is capable of performing any amount that may be desired.

The whitening Room will be finished in the course of the ensuing month.

In the Coining Room, all the presses, Mills & other Machinery, are completed, and work admirably, and are doing all that is required of them.

The Machine Shop is in a state of progress, and the Machinery will be placed in it during the course of the next week.

In the Ladies' Room the Oil Cloth Carpet has been delayed by the inclemency of the weather. It is expected down and the Room will be ready at an early day.

The duties of the past month have been performed by the operators with unusual punctuality and dispatch, and I would recommend no further increase of workmen.

In consequence of the very high price of food, rent &c, the men are very anxious for

an increase of wages. If at all practicable, I would earnestly suggest the same. At all events I would urge the equalizing of the payments so as to make them more uniform in the different grades of the various departments.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Geo. T. Childs
Chief Cashier

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 29. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of $ 102.051.72 in gold Coins. by the Adams Express Comp. and have duly Credited the same.

Also of your letter of the 28th inst enclosing Assay mem. of Gold bullion. transmitted for Coinage on the 25th inst.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

David Stewart Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Washington 28 Feb: 56

Dr Sir

I wish you to withdraw proposal if you have put it in. Upon thinking over the matter the quantity required being small I came to the conclusion to let it go —

In haste

Yours &c

Martin Kalbfleisch

Messrs Jno R Savage & Co
Phila

Col. Snowden

Dear Sir —

Mr Kalbfleisch sent me the above note requesting me to withdraw his proposal to furnish the U. S. Mint at Phila with Nitric Acid — very resp yours

Jno R Savage —

7 1/4 Proposal ordered to Savage & Co. this day with explanations as to [illegible] Mar 1 56

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, February 26, 1856.

I h[illegible] your letter of Saturday. The

Sir,

The Standard weights sent over a few days since by you, have been carefully re-adjusted at the Mint and this day returned to you by the Adams Express Co.

The weights ordered by you a short time since, are in course of manufacture and will be finished in the course of a few days, when after being adjusted at the Mint, they will be forwarded to you.

February 28. 6.

Sir

The Standard weights sent me a few days since by you have been carefully re-adjusted at the Mint and this day returned to you by the Adams Express Co.

The weights ordered by you a short time since, are in course of Manufacture and will be finished in a few days, when after being adjusted at the Mint, they will be forwarded to you.

I am, very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq.,

Supt. U.S. Assay Office

N.Y.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
February 28th 1856

Daniel Stingum Esq.
Treasurer United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Sir.

Your account of Copper Coinage for quarter Ending 31st December 1855. has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found to be due the United States of Six hundred ninety five dollars and twenty three cents. $695.23.

Copper Account $345.23
Copper Coinage 350.00

$695.23

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
February 28th 1856

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

Sir.

Your Gold and Silver Bullion Account for Quarter ending 30th September 1855. has been adjusted at the Treasury and the following found to be the balance in the Mint at that date viz

Gold Bullion Ozs	32.711.7319.	$609.252.60
Silver ditto	732.891.200	852.832.97
Gold Coinage (including Assay Coins $6160)		57.633.70
Silver ditto (" " $1028.00)		369.172.64
		$1.888.892.91

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

United States Assay Office
New York, Feb. 27, 1856.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th, I have to express my regret that you cannot accede to my proposal to give us gold coins for the surplus silver in the hands of our Melter & Refiner. As it is necessary to make some disposition of this silver, however, I propose, with the sanction of the Department, to forward it to you for purchase under your existing regulations, payment to be made in silver coins. These coins cannot of course be used in payments by the Assay Office, but will be taken by the Asst. Treasurer & gold coins received in exchange. Mr. Cisco offers to make this arrangement provided the silver can be in such denominations as he may from time indicate, principally in quarters. I believe.

Very respectfully &c.

Wm. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Sam'l L. Butterworth
Asst.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 27. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. also by the Adams Express Comp. of One hundred Thousand dollars in gold Coins, which I have duly Credited to your account.

Very Respt

Your Obt Svt

Daniel Stanguin Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Allen
Treasurer

Office of the Mint & Repairs,
February 27, 1856.

Col. J. Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.
Sir,

I have the honor to hand you herewith the keys in duplicate of the locks on the iron doors opening into the inner court and passages of the Mint, numbered 0, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18 & 20, and a single key numbered 16. Similar numbers will be found on the brass escutcheons over the key holes, indicating the locks to which they belong. These appear to be all the keys remaining in this office; the others I presume have been delivered to the several officers of the Mint who had charge of the rooms to which they belong.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Andrew Talcott
Supt. of Mint & Repairs.

ack.d the receipt & of Keys
& have handed them to
the Operative Officers J. R. S.

Copy.

Mint of the U. States
Phil^a. Feb. 27. 1856.

My dear Sir, In compliance with your request I have procured from Mr. Eckfeldt, the Assayer, a small piece of fine gold, weighing .10 of an oz. which you will find enclosed. When the interesting experiment you design making is completed you can return it at your convenience.

With great regard
Yours truly
J. R. Snowden.

Capt. A. H. Bowman
U.S.A.
Washington City.

No. 56.

Thirty six Pure Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John S. Eisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office New York.

1856.
February 26. Nos. 806 to 841, in three Boxes & 1156 117,

Weighing 9052. Ounces @ 992½ ‰

Gross Value $185,718.02
Deduct for Coinage, 928.59
Net Value -- $184789.43

Portland
Feby 27. 1

To the Supt. of the Mint
Phila.

Dear Sir - Dr John Cummings of this city owns Richmond's Island on this Coast, near the mouth of Saco River. The first settlement in Maine was upon that Island.

In the Spring of 1855 the Dr's laborers were ploughing and turned up an earthen jar of the Capacity of about a quart. Containing a quantity of golden Coins - (old english) and a gold ring beautifully wrought, of which the Enclosed is an impression.

It occurred to me that you might desire, for your Collection of ancient Coins - specimens of these.

Respectfully yours
Neal Dow

March 8th 6.

Dear Sir,

Although the Cabinet of the Mint is well provided with British silver Coins, the peculiar interest of such a "find" as you have so obligingly mentioned in your favor of the 27th ult.; would make it desirable to have a few specimens, if they can be spared. Preliminary to such purchase I would be glad to be informed what were the earliest date, and what the latest, of the coins found in the jar.

With great respect,

Your obt. Servant

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. Neal Dow

Mayor of the City of

Portland,

Maine.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 26 1856

Sir

I herewith inclose Statement and Receipt of the Adams Express Com. for three boxes, containing 36 fine gold bars, weighing 9.1152. Ozs gross. of the Net Value of $184.789.43 transmitted for Coinage. The receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt

Daniel Stringham Esq
Treasr U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Wilson
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 56 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Three Boxes containing 1,052. Ozt. Gold Bullion.

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 1041.78 Cts. 43

One Thousand Eight four Thousand

Four Hundred Eighty one 43/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Oct 2d 1854

For Adams Express Comp. J. Babcock

Taunton Feby 26. 1826.

Dan'l Stimpson Esq.

Dear Sir,

We army rec'd. of 2 Kegs planchets, forwarded by propeller to New York, which we hope may be delivered without delay.

We shall send more very soon.

Yours,
Very Respectfully
Crocker & Brother

No. 55.

Fifty four Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855. by John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office New York.

1856.
February 25 Five Boxes # 110 to 114, containing

13,737.99 ounces assay - 36 bars #717 @ 752. 9170.23 @ 992½
18 " #788 @ 805 456.76 @ 993

Gross Value $ 281,906.75
Deduct for Coinage 1,409.53
Net Value . . . $ 280,497.22

United States Assay Office
New York, Feb. 25, 1856.

Sir,

The Melter & Refiner of this Office informs me that he is suffering inconvenience from the accumulation of fine silver in his vault, - there being some 70,000 or 80,000 ounces more than he requires in his parting operations.

This accumulation of silver has resulted from the deposits of gold refined at this Office, and it has been paid for by us in gold coins, thus diminishing to that extent our bullion fund in coins. As our stock of silver dollars is ample, it would be desirable to exchange this fine silver for gold coins; and I now write to inquire whether the Mint will purchase it & make returns in gold coins.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

February 26. [illegible] 6.

Sir,

As we have on hand (in coin and bullion) an amount of Silver [illegible] sufficient for [illegible] likely to be made upon us, either by the Treasury or public for some time to come, and as our gold bullion fund is quite small, it will not be convenient for the Mint to return gold coin in payment for the deposits of Silver you propose to send to the Mint from your office. Besides, payment under our present regulations for Silver purchased by the Mint is invariably made in Silver coin.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt,
James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Saml. F. Butterworth Esqr.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
N. Y.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 25. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of $211.542.98 in Gold Coins as advised in your letter of the 21st inst. and have duly credited the same.

Also yours of the 23d inst inclosing Assay Mem.ms of Gold bullion transmitted for Coinage on the 18 & 19 insts.

On receipt & statement inclosed, I have this day forwarded, as usual, five boxes containing 54 fine gold bars, weighing gross 13,737.99 Oz. which please acknowledge.

In a recent interview with the Secretary of the Treasury, he informed me, that I could receive in payment for my deposits at the Mint, any denomination of Coins, which I prefered; I have therefore to request, that you will hereafter transmit Double Eagles, until further advised.

Very Resp.y

Your Obt Servt

Daniel Stringer Esq
Treas.r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

No. 53. Receiver of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York

Five Bars containing 13,737.99 Ozs. Gold Bullion.

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Value to $ 270,147.22

Two Hundred & Eighty Thousand One Hundred & Ninety Seven 22/100 Dollars

which we agree to receive agreeably to law, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Par

Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Feb 25 1854

For Adams & Co. per J. C. Babcock

Philadelphia, February 25th 1856

United States Branch Mint
San Francisco, To William H. Schively & Co.

1856			
Feb. 18	Charges for Shipment of 3 Cases Porc. Pots from Philada. to San Francisco Cal.		
	C. H. Charges	$2.—	
	" " Permit	" .20	
	Cooperage of Case	" .20	
	Cartage to Vessel	" .50	$ 2.90
Feb. 21st	Charges for Shipment of 4 Cases Porc. Pots from New York to San Francisco Cal.		
	C. H. Charges	$5.—	
	" " Permit	" .20	
	Cartage to Vessel & Com.	" 3.30	$ 8.50
			$ 11.40

Correct
H. R. Linderman
Directors Clerk

Received Payment
Wm. H. Schively
pr. [illegible]

Treas. Mint Phila. Pa.
H. R. L.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a 22 Feb. 1836.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., in which you explain the reasons why you cannot forward the Calculation Sheet of the Mint for the 2nd quarter 1835, and I avail myself of your offer to make such further investigations therein as may, in my opinion, lead to the discovery of the causes of the discrepancy in the charge of silver parted, 3d. quar.r 35 which has given rise to this correspondence.

I beg leave, therefore, to suggest that the discrepancy in question may have arisen from an attempt to correct a discrepancy of just the same character in the accounts as rendered for the 2d. quarter. Your statement that "the amount of bullion sold on account of the Mint during the 2d. quar., and debited to Silver Bullion a/c by the Treas.r, agreed with the sum of the several amounts stated on the calculation sheets" would seem to disprove the correctness of this conjecture. But still it may be that "the amounts stated on the calculation sheets", and constituting the basis of the debit, were incorrectly assigned, and the error being consequently discovered has been corrected, out of a special entry and explanation, but by deducting from the amount payable in the succeeding quarter. The ex-

of any in which I can conjecture such incorrect estimate or calculation to have occurred is that certain deposits may have been assumed to contain silver partible for the Mint, when in point of fact such was not the case. Particularly the error may have occurred in the case of deposits [illegible] entered for melting and assay into unparted bars. These, being returned to the depositor unparted, that is with the silver unextracted, of course any estimate of silver parted therefrom, for the Mint or for any party, is erroneous. Yet I can conceive how in the inexperience incident to the first operations of the establishment, silvery deposits of gold, not parted for the depositor may have all been considered and calculated as therefore partible for the Mint, no deduction being first made of such deposits as were not partible at all.

It will be easy for you to determine this question by examining several pages of the calculation sheets [illegible]. To aid you in the investigation it may be proper to explain the basis on which the amount of silver parted for the Mint is determined.

From the gold deposits containing silver (which may be assumed to be the case with all the deposits at the California Mint) separate all such as are parted for depositors, or are deposited for unparted bars. The remainder will be gold partible for the Mint.

Ascertain, by addition the gross weight and standard weight of this remainder. Multiply the stan-

and weights of gold, and divide by the gross weight
this will give the average fineness of the mass of
gold parted for the assay. Deduct this from 995
and the result is the average fineness of the silver
contained. Multiply the gross weight of gold by this
latter fineness and divide by 1000 and we have the
standard silver in the gold. From this deduct
the 1/11 of the standard gold, as a compensa-
tion for the silver as though really contained
cannot in fact be parted by the depositing parties,
and the result is the standard silver properly
chargeable to the Melter & Refiner as parted for
the assay.

For example: suppose a page of the assay
shows a deposit of 5000 ozs. gross 4950 standard
of which 2000 gross 1950 standard were parted
for depositors, 2000 gross and 1975 standard were
entered for imparted bars. The balance, namely
1000 ozs. gross and 1025 ozs. standard, would be parted
for the assay. Then $\frac{1025 \times 900}{1000} = 922\frac{1}{2}$ the average
fineness of gold; and $995 - 922\frac{1}{2} = 72\frac{1}{2}$ the average sil-
ver fineness, or (dismissing the fraction which is not
estimated in reporting silver) the fineness only being
$\frac{1000 \times 072}{900} = 80$ ozs. Deduct $\frac{1}{11}$ of 1025 say 10.35 ozs
and we have 6985 ozs standard as the silver properly
chargeable.

Hoping I may ask that you will examine the above
with a view of determining whether the hypothe-
sis which has been suggested accords with

the facts. And I will esteem it a favor if you will report to me the quantity of this examination, in dollars (where ascertained) the balances found against the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, on auditing the accounts for the 2nd quarter.

By this mail I return to you the calculation sheets of the 3rd quarter which you forwarded to me.

Very respectfully,

J. R. Snowden

Supt. [illegible]

by Robert Patterson

J. L. Smith, Esq.
First Auditor
Washington

Carlisle Feby 22 1856

J. R. Snowden Esq

Dr. Sir

We have this day advised R. J. Ross & Co of your City to hand you 1 bag of Coin, the amount of which at nominal value is $741.08. When you report to us the full value we will hand R. J. Ross & Co your rect. As we purpose depositing with them the same to our Credit.

In your last, you omitted to answer one of our questions, namely up to what date does American gold bring a premium? We have sent in our remittance $235 old Amer gold on trial which if worth no advance can be turned over to Ross & Co just as it is.

Yours &c

Kerr Brenneman & Co

The above named dep arrived
I gave a receipt for the Gold
& one for the silver in the name of
Ross & Co for Kerr Brenneman & Co the
United States gold coin was of our present stand^d Gold coin
before 1834 & only is of a higher value

H R Linderman Esq,

H. Cochran

February 23 [illegible]6.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 22nd inst. is received with the Gold and Silver referred to. The receipts for the same have been handed to Ross & Co. who have drawn the proceeds for you. There being no premium on the Gold coins they were turned over to Ross & Co. There is a premium on Gold coins struck prior to 1834 only.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

for the Director of the Mint

Messrs. Kerr Brenneman & Co.
Carlisle
Pa.

Treasury Department, February 21st 1806.

Sir,

I have recently received a communication from the Treasury Department respecting the pardon by the Government of the Independence Medal struck of the late C.C. Wright of your City, and I regret to inform You that the Department does not consider itself possessed at this time to make an appropriation for the same.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Samuel Dexter
Secretary of the Treasury

James C. Stewart Esqr
Executor of C.C. Wright deceased
No 131 Fulton Street
New York

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 21. 1856.

Sir

I am in receipt of Two hundred Thousand dollars, by the Adams Express Company this day, as advised in your letter of the 19th inst. $190.000.00 in half Eagles, and $10.000.00 in double eagles, and I have duly credited the Same to your account.

Very Resp'y
Your Ob't Sv't

Daniel Slaughter Esq
Treas' U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Saml Russell
Ass't Treasurer

12. Store St. London
21. Febr. 1865.

Sir

The two sets of Assay-weights ordered by Mr. Eckfeldt in his letter of Jan: 26. will be forwarded by the same Steamer as this letter. I have enclosed Duplicate Bills for the same. The box containing the weights is addressed to Mr. Eckfeldt.

I should be glad if you would favor me with a remittance for the Balances supplied in Dec: and the present stock: (total: £69. 12. -)

I remain
Sir
Yours respectfully
Ludwig Oertling.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of U. S. Mints.

No. 54.

Fifty four Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855 by John F. Tisca. Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office at Cal.

1856
February 20 Nos. 663 to 716. in Five Boxes # 1056.109.

Weighing 13.590.26 ounces @ 993 f

Gross Value $278.969.42
Deduct for Coinage 1.394.85

Net Value $27757419

Branch Mint U S at San Francisco

Philadelphia, Feb 20th 1856

Bought of G. DALLETT & CO.,

Nos. 36 and 491 Market Street, and
N. E. Corner Tenth and Callowhill Streets.

6 Boxes Mottled Soap

101	101			
99	98			
94	92	585 lbs	10¢	58.50
		6 Boxes	@	1.20
				$59.70

Cash Payment G Dallett & Co

Treasury Department
Feby 20 1856.

Sir:

It is desirable that the gold bullion from the Assay office at New York should be coined and delivered, at as early a period as practicable, to enable the Department to reduce that bullion fund. You will therefore, in coining that Bullion, make as much of it in twenty dollar pieces, as the Assistant Treasurer thinks will be of most convenient use for payments &c. in New York, than smaller coins.

I am very Respy
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 20. 1856

Sir

I have this day forwarded in the usual manner, as per receipt & Statement enclosed Five boxes containing Fifty four Fine Gold bars, of the Net Value of Two hundred & Seventy Seven Thousand, five hundred Seventy four 19-100 dollars. The receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Very Resp'y
Your Obt Svt

Jacob Russell
Dep'y Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas'r U S Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 544 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Five Box containing 13590.26 Ozs. Gold Bullion.

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $277574.19

Two hundred & seventy seven thousand five hundred and seventy four 19/100 Dollars.

which we agree to insure against loss and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Feb 20 1856

For Adams Express Co. J. C. Babcock

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
February 28th 1856

Jas Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst in reference to the discrepancy existing in the amount of Silver parted from Gold deposits for the Mint at the San Francisco Branch in the 2d Quarter 1854 and requesting the transmission of the Calculation sheets of the 2d Quarter for further inspection - Inasmuch as it is contrary to the regulations of the Treasury Department to permit any papers belonging to an account which has been officially acted upon by the accounting officers and filed among the archives of the Department to be transferred from the custody of the officers in whose charge they are legally placed I have now no control over these papers and cannot therefore comply with your request but will be glad to make any further investigations of the vouchers & abstracts connected with the 2d Quarters account that you may be pleased to suggest tending to the discovery of the discrepancy in question and will transmit your reply and the return of the Calculation sheets belonging to

the 3d Quarter of 1854 - tho I can but believe that no satisfactory result can be reached by that Examination as the amount of Silver parted for the Mint during the 2d Qr: and debited to Silver Bullion Acct by the Treasurer agreed with the sum of the several amounts stated on the Calculation sheets and that reference to the deposit of that Quarter, whereas the debit of Silver parted in the 3d Quarter is different of the sum of the amounts stated in the Calculation sheet of that Quarter and was parted from the deposits made therein -

Very Respectfully
your Obt Svt

J. L. Smith
Auditor

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J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

New York, Feby 20th 1856.

Dear Sir.

Will you do me the Kindness to send me a copy of your last annual report, as soon as published in pamphlet form, & oblige

Yours Very Resply

Chas S. Bushnell.

63 Wall Street

"Carlton House"
350 Broadway.
New York Feb. 20. 1856

H. F. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir. Will
you be so good as to inform me
at your earliest convenience
whether you have got out a
new edition of your "Mint
Manual" since the Standard of
our Silver Coins was changed in
1853 (I mean the large size Quarto Ed)
and if so what is the price and can
I procure one by sending the amt to
you if I do, I should be pleased to
send you by any amt by return of
mail on receipt of your letter.

Address
E. L. Adams.

Yours Truly
E. L. Adams

BANKING HOUSE,

PEIRCE and NELSON,

PUBLISHERS OF THE

CLEVELAND BANK NOTE REPORTER,

DEALERS IN

COIN, EXCHANGE, UNCURRENT MONEY, LAND WARRANTS, &c.

Collections promptly attended to, and Remittances made at Current Rates of Exchange.

Cleveland, O. Feb. 20th 1860.

J. R. Snowden Esqr Director U. S. Mint,

Dear Sir We send you by Adams Express two Bags containing Old Silver Coin, California & other Miscellaneous Coin. Also some Gold Nuggets & Dust amounting in We should judge to say $6[illegible] — with premium — If your rules permit We should prefer Gold in return, if not please send Gold for Gold ($3 Coins if you have them) and for the Silver send $100. Half Dimes
" Dimes
& balance in Half Dollars & Quarters
divided Dey, half & half

Please direct by the U. S. Express from New York, McAlpine Kirby & Co receive from you

Where can We obtain your last report? We have seen only Newspaper Abstracts — We shall regard it as an especial favor to receive such "documents" as are sent from the "Mint" for gratuitous distribution & such as are not, We will cheerfully pay for —

Yours truly Peirce & Co.

[illegible] & Co

[illegible]

Bankers

Feb 25th [illegible]

Ohio

Sir

Mr Harrison deposited the within named parcel I gave him receipt for each & told him to call on you for further instructions

H R Linderman Esq
US Mint
Phila

Your Obt Servt

H A [illegible]
Deposit [illegible]

Feb. 26. 1856.

Feb 26. 6.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. The parcel of gold referred to has been received at the Mint and the proceeds returned to you in gold and silver coin in compliance with your request.

The only document which I issue at the Mint for occasional distribution is my annual report. The report for 1855 has not yet been printed. When I receive any I will endeavor to send you a copy. A line however addressed to a Representative at Washington would secure to you one or more copies when they are printed.

With great respect
Yours
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Messrs Pierce & Co.
Bankers,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Brooklyn L. I. 20 July 1850

Col. Jas. Rees Snowden
Asst. U.S. Treast.

Dr Sir

Herewith please receive receipts of Supt. for 97 Carb. fr. Jno Stuart the one for 97 Carb. fr. Jamestown. I sent you before, you will see a list of 3 Carb. on each Shipment. & two of the Ships have put into Rio Janeiro in distress to what extent I may have to suffer in consequence I cannot as yet tell. I am however posted up now in the matter of making Shipments of acids and if at anytime you should desire it, I will Ship it at the same rate Simply with an understanding that I shall be paid for the same here. I have sent receipts duly to Mr Jno R. Savage of your city who will Collect & transmit the money to me. Please receive my thanks for your kindness in this matter.

I am Sir

Yours respectfully
Alston Kalbfleisch

P.S. the remainder of my bills will not exceed $2000.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

New York January 19. 1856.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. inclosing Assay Nums of Gold Bullion transmitted on the 11, 12 & 13th inst.

As per receipt & Statement inclosed I have this day forwarded in the usual manner Five Boxes Containing 54 Fine Gold Bars, weighing 13.543.05 Ozs Troy, Amounting in Net Value to $. 276.609.99 The receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

With your next remittance I will thank you forward me Some of the Smaller Boxes.

Very Resp.y

Your Obt Sert

Daniel Slungerland Esq

Treasurer U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sam.l Ruggles

Asst Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 33 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York

Five Boxes containing 13,543.05 Ozs. Gold Bullion.

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Nett value to $270,699.99

Two hundred & seventy Thousand Six Hundred

Six hundred & Nine 99/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Par

Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York Oct 19 1854

For Sedgwick Dupuch & Co. J. W. Dubois

U. S. Assay Office.

New-York, Feb. 19, 1856.

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst., assenting to my suggestion as to the re-adjustment of our Standard weights, - is received, and the box of weights was accordingly forwarded to the Mint yesterday by the Adams Express.

You will of course see that this readjustment is made with the utmost care, in order that there may be a perfect conformity between your weights and ours.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

S. D. Butterworth, Supt.

per Geo. F. Denning.

Wm. J. R. Snowden, Esq.,
Director of the Mint.

No. 53.

Fifty four Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, By John F. Eisco. Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1856.
February 19. Nos. 609 to 662 in Five Boxes # 100 to 104

weighing 13,543.05 ounces @ 993 f.

Gross Value	$277,999.99
Deduct for Coinage	1.390.00
Net Value	$276,609.99

Philadelphia Feby 19 1856

U. S. Br Mint. San Francisco

Bought of HENRY TROEMNER,

MANUFACTURER OF SCALES & WEIGHTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

No. 240 Market Street, above Seventh, South Side.

Duplicate

Six small adjusting balances	40 00	240 00

Correct. J. C. Costello Act. Director's Clerk

Received of James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint the above bill in full.

Henry Troemner

Mint of the United States
Phila. 19 Feb. 1855

Sir,

The calculation sheets of the Branch Mint, California for the 3d quarter of 1854 were duly received, and a strict investigation of them has been made; but I regret to say without success, with the view of determining the cause of the discrepancy in the account of silver parted for the Mint.

Inasmuch as it may be possible that the calculation sheets of the preceding quarter (the 2d of 1854) may throw some light on this matter, I will be much obliged to you if you will forward these also to me by mail. They will be returned (as also those of 3d quarter) within a day or two of their receipt.

Very respectfully yours

James Ross Snowden.
Director

T. L. Smith Esq
First Auditor
Washington

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 18. 1856.

Sir

I have this day transmitted in the usual manner per Receipt & Statement enclosed, five boxes containing 53 Fine Gold Bars. Weighing Grotts 13.141.35 Oz. of the Net Value of $268.405.46 for Coinage. The receipt thereof please acknowledge.

Very Respt
Your Obt. Svt.
Wm. L. Elder
Treasurer

Daniel Stringham Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 52 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Five Boxes containing 13,111.33 Ozs. Gold Bullion,

" " _____ Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 258,113.46

Two hundred & fifty eight Thousand

Four hundred & Forty six Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Oct 18th 1856

For Adams Express Co. H Babcock

No. 82.

Fifty three Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint. in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York

1856.
Feb. 18. Nos. 556 to 608. in Fine Bars = 95.199

weighing 13.141.35 ounces @ 993 f

Gross Value $ 269,754.23
Deduct for Coinage 1,348.77
Net Value $ 268,405.46

Philadelphia Feb. 18th 1856

Dear Sir,

I have examined as directed by you the six Balances made for the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cal; by W. Trowmer, of Philadelphia for the purpose of Adjusting Gold Coins, and find them as regards Workmanship & Accuracy, well fitted for the purpose for which they are intended

Yours Respectfy

Wm Wh. Snides

To

J. R. Snowden Esq.

Director of U. S. Mint.

Phila

the holder of the Cft. would control the bars, as he would Coin — they remaining in your Custody until called for by the Cft. holder. — The first two or three deposits were returned to me in Coin, from which I inferred they had been too small for bars — In my letter respecting the deposit now in question I repeated my request, that the Cfts. for bars, if made, should be forwarded as desired in my former letter. As you returned bars for this last deposit, I presume that letter must have been rec'd, or why should bars be returned instead of Coin as formerly?

Messrs. Adams & Co. had no instruction from me to have either Coin or bars made of the Gold, or to do any thing more than deliver it to the Mint.

I have therefore no claim upon them for the extra expenses incurred, in consequence of the error.

I trust, however, that on a review of the circumstances, the Mint will reimburse at least the expenses of the bars from Phil^a here, if not more.

Very Respectfully
Y^r mo. ob^t
[illegible] Blackwood
Cash^r

From J. J. Blackwood, Cashr
Hamburg, S.C.
Recd Feb 20/56

BANK OF HAMBURG,

Hamburg, S. C. 16 Feby 1856

David Sturgeon Esq.
Treasr &c
Sir

I have recd your letter of 11th inst—

I sent by Mail letters advising of each parcel of Gold when it was put in charge of the Express Co. for your address—

In my letter accompanying the first deposit (a very small one) I requested, if consistent with your usage, to convert so small a deposit into bars, that you would so inform the Cft to Bank Republic. I did not desire or expect the Mint to assume any further Agency than simply delivering the Cft, and suppose

Phila. Feb. 16th/56

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco California

Dr.

To N. P. Humphreys for Case and one set of Adjusted gram Weights — eighteen — Dollars

Recd. Payment $18.00

N. P. Humphreys

U. S. Assay Office
Melter & Refiners Department
New York July 16th 1856

Sir,

In your letter to the Superintendent of this office dated Oct 15, 1855; in reference to an Apparatus for Separating Gold which you intended to introduce into the Mint, you say "and for this purpose we shall hereafter have "to ask his assistance in putting it up, as soon "as may be convenient, after the repairs now "in progress are completed." With the advice of the Supt. I enclose a letter which I have just rec'd from Mess Morris & Co informing me that the Apparatus is finished, and ready for inspection. If the repairs at the Mint are so far completed, that the Apparatus may now be introduced, I could accomplish the two objects by one visit to Phila and shall be happy to receive instructions from you in reference to this subject.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Edward H Kent
Melter & Refiner

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Feb. 13 [illegible] 6.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 10th inst. and I regret to say that we will not be ready to put up your separating apparatus for trial for some time, say 10 days or 2 weeks.

I will, as soon as the repairs are so far completed as to allow the machine to be put in the Mint, write to you, and state when it will be convenient for us to have the pleasure of seeing you here.

I suppose it will not be necessary to have and inspection of the apparatus until it is convenient to put it up.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Prof. Edward N. Kent
Melter and Refiner
Assay Office, New York.

Philadelphia March 16 1856

Edward Kent
Master & Engineer
Appraisers Office
N. Y.

Dear Sir

The apparatus ordered by Col Snowden for the U. S. Mint is now completed & ready for your inspection

Will you favor us with any directions regarding it that you have to make us,

We are very truly
J. P. Norris & Co

Brooklyn E. D. 16 Feb. 1816

Col. Da. Ross Snowden
dir. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

D. Sr

I have just rec.d receipt from Col.o for 97 Carb. amt $ 1732.19 – and as I understood when in your city last, that you would be informed by the middle of the present month, pride you knew the time to inform me of the time to present my bills for payment –

I am Sir

Very respectfully Yours
Martin Kalbfleisch

Ist 18. Answered by
paying Bills will be
found to his order
on 1st 20th inst.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 15, 1856

Sir

As per receipt and Statement inclosed, I have this day forwarded in the usual manner, Five boxes containing 541 fine gold bars. Weighing Gross 13.283.89 Ozs. amounting in net value to $271.316.76 the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Wm. J. Wilson
Treasurer

Daniel Slaughter Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. The Amount of $100.000.00 by the Adams Express Comp. have arrived & have been duly credited to your O/C.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 51. Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Five Boxes containing 13283.89 Ozs. Gold Bullion,

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Nett value to $271.316.76

Two hundred & seventy one thousand

three hundred & fifteen 76/100 dollars.

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Oct 15 1851

For Adams Express Com. J. P. Babcock

No. 51.

Fifty four Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York

1856.
February 15 Nos. 502 to 555, in Five Boxes # 90494

Weighing 13.283.89 ounces @ 993 ‰.

Gross Value $272.680.16
Deduct for Coinage. - - - - - 1,363.40

Net Value $ 271,316.76

Treasury department
First Auditors office
June 15th 1855.

Dr. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that the sum of $6000.00 was credited in the account of Ordinary Expenses of D. R. Snyder, Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, as having been paid for Miller & Refiner to be used in the Separating department, but has since been declined & the Ordinary account in the adjustment jointly of his Ap's for the 3d & 4th Quarters 1854. In that adjustment, he was also charged with the sum of $35.755.81/100 being deductions on deposits during the 2nd 3d & 4th Qrs 1854, which sum, embraced the Amount referred to in your communication as follows viz:
$14.759.29/100, being part of deductions for 2nd Qr. 1854 and credited by him in his ordinary Ap for 3d Qr. and $15.000.00 in the same account, being balance of deductions of 2nd Quarter 1854 and part of 3d Qr 1854 and in his account for 4th Qr 1854, he credits and has been

charged with the sum of $5996.72/100, being balance
of deductions for 4th Qr 1834, making in all that he
has been charged with on acc of deductions upto 1st
January 1835, the sum before stated $35.755.81/100

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J. L. Smith
Auditor

No. 50.

Fifty three Fine Gold Bars transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1856.
February 13. Nos. 449 to 501, in Five Boxes, per Bark

weighing 13,067.61 ounces @ 993 f

Gross Value	$268.240.55
Deduct for Coinage, . . .	1.341.20
	$266899.35

Philadelphia February 12th 1855

Mint of the United States San Francisco Branch Mint

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th,

North Side.

1855

December 5		No 1 double geared Assay Rolling Machine		175 —
		" 1 Single " " "		80 —
		" Box & time packing		2 —
	10	" 1 Fireman complete		100 —
		" 1 Boxes & time packing		7 —
		" Portage		50
1855 January	3	" 1 Anvil		10 —
February	12	" 12 Set Double Cogs & Steel Moulds &c		54 —
		" Box & time packing		2 —
				$ 456 50

Rec Payment

Morgan & Orr

Triplicate

Philadelphia February 15th 1853

Mr Jno Francisco Grand Mint

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th,

North Side.

1853

December	6	To 1 double geared Assay Rolling machine		175 —
		. 1 single		80 —
		. Box & time packing		2 —
	10	. 1 Furnace complete		100 —
		. Boxes & time packing		7 —
		. Portage		— 50
1852 January	3	. 1 Anvil		10 —
February	12	. 12 Sets Double Eagle Ingot Moulds @ 7/		84 —
		. Box & time packing		2 —
				$ 455 50

Duplicate

Rec Payment
Morgan & Orr

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 13. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11. th. inst. ales by the Adams Express Comp. of $. 329.199.40 in Gold Coins, and $. 3.486.66 in Silver dollars. for balance due on Silver bullion transmitted on the 25th Ult:. and I am duly credited the same.

As per receipt and statement inclosed I have this day forwarded in the usual manner 5 boxes containing 53 Fine Gold bars, Weighing 13.067.61 Oz gross. Net value $. 266.899.35 the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Very Respt
Your Obt Sert
Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Stringer Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

JOSEPH J. CISCO, TREASURER.

No. 50 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York

Five Bars containing 13 lb 7 oz Gold Bullion.

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Melt value to $ 2616.99.35

Two Hundred & Sixty Six Thousand Eight

Hundred & Ninety nine 35/100 dollars.

which we agree to assume against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York Feb 13 1856

For Adams & Co. J. K. Wood

Balto. July 13 '56

— Snowden Esq.

Sir

Permit me to inquire if you have a pamphlet or other work containing an acc of the late standard of Coins, especially Silver, issued by the U.S. Mint. If not you will much oblige me by letting me know whether the new issue of Silver is of lower standard in weight only or also in fineness.

Very Respectfully

P. H. Auchu

addressed
Dr. P. H. Auchu
76 Charles
Baltimore

ans by Director Report for 1853.

Bank of Gettysburg

Feb 13 1856

Mr Snowden
Treas of the Mint

Dr to

I write thank you to inform me whether the Mint is now purchasing Silver and if so, at what Rate and of the pain in Gold

Very respectfully
Yr ob Sv
R McSherry Cash

Ans by Circular Feb 15, 1856

(Confidential) Treasury Department
February 15 1856

Sir

I transmit herewith a Specification of Mr. Lucian Tédio of Paris, France, of an invention of his for the improvement of Coins now in use, with two Specimens one being Combinations of Copper and Silver, the other of Silver and gold.

I will thank You to give Your Consideration to this matter and furnish me with Your views in regard to any practical advantage that would result from the application of this invention to the lower denominations of our Gold Silver and Copper Coins. As these Specifications and Specimens have been sent to an Agent in this City with a view to obtain for the inventor a Patent right, I have to request that the matter may be treated by You in a Confidential manner, and that the Specifications and Specimens of Coins may be returned to the Department with Your report.

It may be proper to add that the Agent of the inventor has written for further information specially as to the means of detecting counterfeits, and the nature, Character and Cost of the Machinery &c.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
R. J. Walker Secretary
Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
February 24th 1856.

Sir,

I have read the draft of a bill, you have furnished the Committee of Finance of the Senate, in relation to foreign coins and the coinage of cents, and have to remark, that in the 3d and 6th Sections, there is obvious intention to make the Treasurer and Director of the Mint, independent of this Department.—

You will therefore confine all communications to you of that character, through this Department.—

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Secretary of the Treasury

Mr. Ross. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Pl. IV. 6a

Sect. 2. The rules & directions given in the preceding Sect. are
sufficient for the construction of Object-glasses of any
kind of figure, & of any aperture & focal length, but
there are different circumstances attending the
practice of different kinds of Object-glasses, which
require particular directions. The Object-glasses
first treated of, & which are the most easy to
work, are those whose figure is a portion of a
Sphere, & whose aperture is small. The
figure of these glasses is determined by the
Sphere to which they belong, & the only
thing to be considered in the practice is
the method of working the glass to the
true figure of a Sphere. The Sphere to which
a glass belongs, is determined by the focal distance
of the glass & the index of refraction of the
glass & the medium on the other side of it.
If a glass is to be used in the air, & the
index of refraction of the glass is known,
the Sphere to which the glass belongs may
be found by the following Problem.

Problem 1. To find the Sphere to which
a Lens belongs, whose focal distance in the air
is known, & the index of refraction of the
glass is known.

Let the two surfaces of the Lens be ground
each to the figure of a Sphere, & let the
radius of the Sphere to which the first
surface belongs be found by trial. The Sphere of which
the second surface is a portion may be found by
the following Problem.

Problem 2. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 3. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 4. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 5. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 6. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 7. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 8. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 9. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 10. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 11. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 12. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 13. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 14. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 15. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 16. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 17. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 18. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 19. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 20. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 21. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 22. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 23. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 24. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 25. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 26. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 27. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 28. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 29. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 30. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 31. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 32. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 33. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 34. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 35. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 36. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 37. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 38. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 39. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 40. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 41. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 42. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 43. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 44. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 45. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
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Problem 46. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
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by the following Problem.

Problem 47. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 48. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 49. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 50. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 51. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 52. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 53. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 54. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 55. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 56. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 57. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 58. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 59. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 60. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 61. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 62. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 63. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 64. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 65. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 66. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 67. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 68. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 69. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 70. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
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by the following Problem.

Problem 71. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 72. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 73. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 74. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 75. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 76. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 77. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 78. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 79. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
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the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

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by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 82. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 83. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 84. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 85. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 86. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 87. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 88. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 89. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 90. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

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a plane surface is a portion.

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by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
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by the following Problem.

Problem 92. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

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Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 93. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 94. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 95. To find the Sphere of which
a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 96. To find the Sphere of which
a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

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a plane surface is a portion.

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a concave surface is a portion.

Let the concave surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

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a convex surface is a portion.

Let the convex surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

Problem 100. To find the Sphere of which
a plane surface is a portion.

Let the plane surface be ground to a
Sphere, & let the radius of the Sphere be found
by trial. Then if the index of refraction of
the glass is known, the radius of the Sphere
to which the second surface belongs may be found
by the following Problem.

is worth more than the gold, and hence weight will determine nothing.

But it is truly surprising and to be regretted for the patentee's sake, that he should be so uninformed as to the history of this invention. — In 1688, specimens of precisely the same pattern were struck in England; one being of gold inserted in silver for a crown piece, others of silver inserted in copper for a penny and half-penny. Again, in 1792, while our mint was establishing and preparing to commence operations, a small copper cent with a piece of silver inserted in the centre was struck as a specimen. It is however but just to say, that the mint cannot claim the invention of this plan of coinage. In the time of the Commonwealth of England say about 1652, when it strangely happened that copper was very scarce and dear and brass was plenty and cheap, a coin was devised and struck in which a small piece of copper was inserted in brass — precisely as the present patent of Mr. Little contemplates — and on it we read the quaint inscription, "For necessary change." Subsequently, in 1690, in the reign of William and Mary, when copper again became very scarce, while tin was plenty a half-penny and a farthing were struck

consisting of tin with copper intermixed.

All of these specimens are to be seen in the Numismatic Collection in this City. It is hardly necessary to add that they were made but [illegible] and were never actually adopted for circulation.

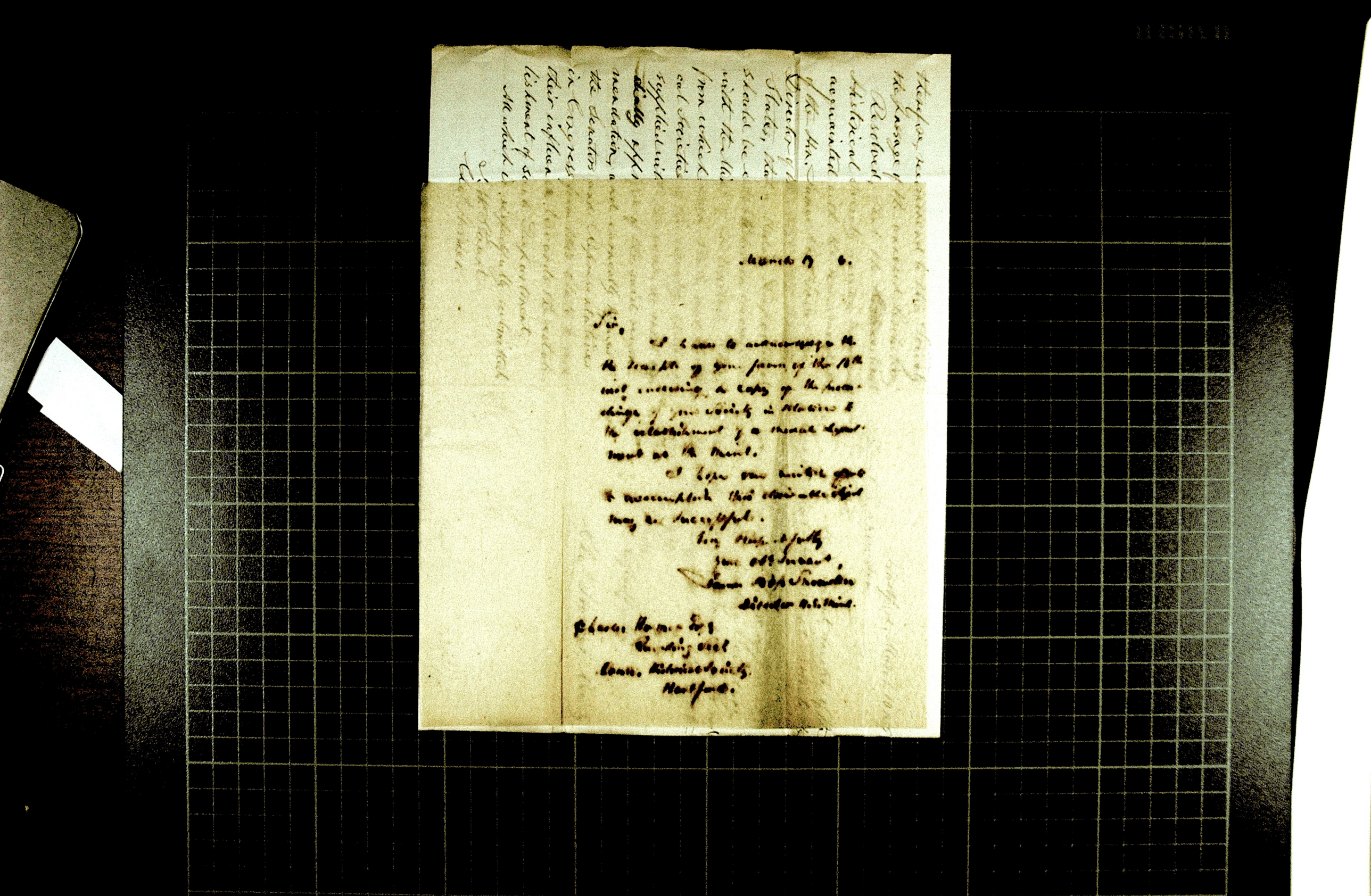
Please find enclosed the specification of Mr. Hollis, which you sent to me and the specimens of coin.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant.

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856 / MARCH



From the Recording Secretary
Com. Antiquities[illegible]

Mar 14/60.

Resolution of the Society respecting the Senate [illegible] representation of Committee on [illegible] Congress to aid in establishment of a Medal Department at the Mint.

The Committee to whom was referred, in May last, a communication from Hon. James Ross Snowden, respecting the establishment of a Medal Department in the Mint of the United States reported,

That there is throughout our Country an increasing desire to possess copies of those Medals which from the period of the Revolutionary War to the present time, have been conferred upon those Officers of the Army and Navy who have distinguished themselves by their heroic conduct and success in the service of our ~~common~~ country.

Your Committee believe, with the Hon. Mr. Snowden, that "National and Public Medals are important monuments of History, and their preservation well worthy the attention of this and other Historical Societies in the United States." They would,

therefore, recommend to this Society the passage of the annexed Resolution

Resolved, That the Connecticut Historical Society having been made acquainted with the recommendation of the Hon. James Ross Snowden, Director of the Mint of the United States, that a Medal Department should be established in connection with the Mint of the United States, from which each State, and Historical Societies of the country, shall be supplied with the same, do most cordially approve of the said recommendation, and earnestly request the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use their influence towards the establishment of such Department.

All which is respectfully submitted

J. W. Stuart

Chas. Hosmer.

Hartford, March 10th 55

Hon. J. R. Snowden,

Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Connecticut Historical Society, the indorsed Report and Resolution was submitted, and approved, and the Corresponding Secretary directed to furnish each Senator and Member of Congress from this State with a copy.

Yours

Respectfully,

Chas. Hosmer, Rec. Sy

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 15th 1856.

Sir:

In transmitting to you the enclosed communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, I deem it proper that I should present a few remarks upon the subject.

If the parting charge could be increased at the Assay Office without affecting the other institutions referred to by the Superintendent, there might be some propriety in the suggestion that such increase is necessary; but the remedies proposed are intended to affect the Mint establishments and especially to interfere with the [illegible] of the branch Mint at San Francisco, [illegible] subject to refining but [illegible] as to coinage.

One of these remedies is to raise the charge for coinage at San Francisco so that its coinage shall be restricted to the local demand. That charge however is fixed by law and is uniform in its operation. Although the half of one per cent, which is the charge made for coinage, is not available for that establishment, yet it is a source of revenue productive to the government and should be regarded in considering the subject of the expenses of the Mint at San Francisco. To make any increase upon that charge other than as directed would be merely a burdensome tax upon depositors without color of right or necessity. I may observe also that the charge in question at this Mint is at least equal to the coinage expended, and is perhaps quite equal to such expenses at San Francisco, but as they are paid directly into the Treasury of the U.S. they cannot be made available for such expenses. The law authorizing the charges to be made to depositors for the expenses of refining &c. does not include coinage — that charge is fixed by law as before stated.

The other remedy proposed is to raise the tariff of the Mint charges for sepa-

San Francisco. So far as the principal Mint is concerned the charges were [illegible] adjusted to the law and the facts, and that [illegible] when the principal element nitric acid was at a [illegible] price than it now is, and it was ascertained by experience that the charges were fully adequate to the expenses attending that operation, including wastage, &c. The parting charge at San Francisco was fixed at [illegible] per ounce (more than twice the amount at Philadelphia and New York, that being [illegible] per ounce) but the Officers at that Mint were invited to present their views on the subject whether that sum was an adequate charge; the reports from them have been satisfactory on that point.

The following sentence in Mr Butterworth's letter may perhaps be regarded as the main point in his communication; "I have assumed that it is for the interest of the government to limit the operations of the branch Mint in California to the local demands of business." Without entering fully upon this subject I may remark that it does not seem equitable either by regulations or by legal enactments to interpose and prevent a fair competition or to compel the people of that region to send to the Assay Office at New York, or to the Mints in the Atlantic States, the gold not rigidly needed for home circulation. The Superintendent of the branch Mint at California might on his part say that it always had been the policy of this government, as well as other governments to allow or enable a great mining region to do up its own work and put its own production in a merchantable shape, and for that purpose the branch Mint at San Francisco was established.

The prosperity of the Assay Office at New York does not call for such intervention. In the course of trade it had last year received a large share of the gold for parting, and its permanent expenses are legally assumed by the government. The same supply may be expected for the future. So far from raising the parting charges at San Francisco it is obviously a duty to government and to the public rather to wait for the favorable decline of high prices of labor and materials, and to enable that branch to conform more nearly to the charges now made at the Assay Office, in New York.

To the Hon.ble Philadelphia.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your faithful Hble Servant.

Sam.l Ross Surveyor.
District.

The Hon.ble Oliver Wolcott
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

(Copy.)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 18th, 1856

Sir.

In transmitting to you the enclosed communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, it seemed proper that I should present a few remarks upon the subject.

If the parting charge could be increased at the Assay Office without affecting the other institutions referred to by the Superintendent, there might be some propriety in the suggestion that such increase is necessary, but the remedies proposed are intended to affect the Mint establishments and especially to diminish the operations of the branch Mint at San Francisco not only as to refining but also as to coinage.

One of these remedies is to raise the charge for coinage at San Francisco, & that its coinage shall be restricted to the local demand. That charge however is fixed by law, and is uniform in its operation although the half of one per cent - which is the charge made for coinage - is not available for Mint or Standard gold it is a source of revenue pro tanto to the government, and should be regarded in considering the subject of the expenses of the Mint at San Francisco. To make any increase upon that charge either there or elsewhere would be merely a burden some tax upon depositors without profit or necessity. I may observe also that the charge in question at this Mint is at least equal to the coinage expenses and is probably quite equal to such expense at San Francisco. but as it is paid directly into the Treasury of the United States cannot be made available for such expenses. The law authorizing the charges to be made to depositors for the expenses of refining does not include coinage - that charge is fixed by law as before stated.

The other remedy proposed is to revise the tariff of the Mint charges for refining & parting gold to the end that such charges may be increased, and especially at San Francisco. So far as the principal Mint is concerned the charges were carefully adjusted to the law and the facts, and that at a time when the principal chemical agent, nitric acid, was at a higher price than it now is, and it was ascertained by experience that the charges were fully adequate to the expenses attending the operations including wastage. The parting charge at San Francisco was paid at 11 cents per ounce (more than twice the amount at Philadelphia and New York, that being 5 cents per ounce) but the Officers at that Mint were invited to submit their views on the subject, to which that there was an adequate charge. the experts from thence have

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I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
(Signed) James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.
Boston, March 15 1856

Dear Sir

I have received by Adams & Co's Express ten kegs purporting to contain $50.000- in Silver coin from the mint at Philadelphia

Yr Obt Svt

Thomas H. Brand

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer &c
Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Treasury of the United States
1st March 1856

Sir

I do Solemnly beg leave to present a Treasury Draft for $300.000 for the use of this Office. Be pleased to pay in the following denominations of Coins, viz

Gold	in 5s double Eagles	$50.000.	+
	Eagles	30.000.	+
	1/2 do	80.000.	5
	1/4 do	70.000.	35
	Dimes	20.000.	8 $250.000.
Silver	1/2 Dollars	20.000.	
	1/4 do	25.000.	
	Dimes	2.000.	
	1/2 do	3.000.	50.000.
			$300.000.

Please mark on the Bags the denominations of Silver Pieces

Very respectfully
Your Obt Sv
Sam Casey
Treasurer U. S.

Daniel Haugwout Esqr
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Please mark on the Bags the denominations of Silver Pieces

Mr. Robt. Charles Sharpe
Bedford Square, November 19th 1828

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant
In order that it may be in the power of the Translators to avail themselves
of Bible Readings elsewhere, I wish to circulate as many as possible
of the Proofs which I have received, before the Work is published.
I shall therefore be glad if you will send me 100 Proofs of the Gospel
of Matthew, the same to be struck off from the Stereotype Plates
You will then oblige me by sending the Proofs, which I shall
return to you, as soon as I shall have done with them.

Should I not receive any further communication from you, I shall
conclude that it is your wish that I should proceed with the Work
as I have begun it.

I am, Dear Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Robt. Charles Sharpe.
Esqr.

Mr. J. Watling
Bedford Square
London.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 14th 1856

Sir

A credit of Three hundred and twenty two Thousand, One hundred and thirty three dollars & 83/100 Cts, has been placed to your Account for Gold Coins &c.d by the Adams Express Comp.a as advised in your letter of the 12th inst.

Very Resp.fy
Your Obt Sst.

Wm. L. Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Stimpson Esq
Treas.r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office,
New-York, Mar. 14, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a Statement of the business of this Office for the month ending Feb. 29.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,
S. F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mayor's Office
Portland
March 14. 1856

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir -

Dr Cummings has just called at my office - with his coins.
He has 8 of gold - and a few of silver which I did not know of or remember -
The silver coins are of about the value of an English 1/- ~~each~~ thereabout. but about that since - two of them only having dates. which can be made out - viz - 1573 - 1582
The Gold Coins have no date - but are of the reigns of James and Charles - ~~which~~ whether the 1st or 2nd of each - is not known -
- the coins both gold and silver - are much worn and ragged at the edges - the former - I believe I may say are of the intrinsic value of about 5/- Except one. which is smaller.

Very Respectfully
Yours Neal Dow

March 17, '6

Dear Sir,

From your letter of the 14th, just received, I am led to believe that some specimen or specimens of so remarkable a discovery, upon our soil, ought to have a place in our Mint Cabinet. I enclose ten dollars, to pay for whatever Mr Cummings may think proper to send us. The exact date, & some of the leading circumstances of the discovery, would add much to the interest of the specimens.

Respectfully yours &c

James Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. Neal Dow

Mayor of the City of Portland

Maine.

Mint of the United States
Philada. 14 March 1856

Sir,

By the Adams Express Company, I forward to you, this day, a Box to your address, which contains the Accounts of the Branch Mint, Cala. for the 4th quarter of 1855, [illegible]. The Accounts have been put in form here, from the data and explanations furnished from the Branch Mint; the Abstracts as sent from that Mint were too defective and manifestly erroneous, for presentation. They are, however, enclosed in the box for your scrutiny.

It is believed that the Accounts, in the form prepared here, are correct. They are certainly a correct exhibit of the facts received from the Branch Mint. It has been found necessary to make some adjustments in them to correct errors in the accounts formerly presented. Among these is the oversight in the charge of the 3rd quarter for silver parted for the Mint, which you found to have been incorrect, upon the comparison which you instituted for that purpose. The Treasurer has, in the accounts now forwarded, been charged with the deficit. It has also been found, from statements lately furnished from the Branch Mint, and now sent to you, that the Gold Coinage of [illegible] had been over-charged and the Gold Bullion of corresponding by over-credited in the items of unparted bars delivered

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for the payment of deposits. Also that the Gold Bullion a/c had remained charged for certain items of assay slips and grains which had in fact been realized into coin; consequently Gold Coinage a/c should have been charged and Gold Bullion credited with the proceeds. These errors, which were merely as to the proper accounts into which the Treasurers responsibility should be distributed, and did not affect his aggregate responsibility for the metal received by him, have been corrected in the accounts now forwarded. In other particulars which might need explanation, I trust that a reference to the Journal Entries and abstracts will be satisfactory.

At the earnest request of the Treasurer, the documents which he had forwarded to me, in relation to the accounts of the 1st 2nd & 3rd quarters of 1855 have been returned to him for revision, & and without examination here, as it was his opinion, from the experience gained through the correspondence with this office, that they would not be satisfactory. Copies of the Accounts for 4th quarter, as I now transmit them to you were also sent. He promises that the accounts in arrear will be prepared forthwith, and appears confident that all further annoyances such as we have had experience of, will terminate.

Very respectfully

T. L. Smith, Esq
First Auditor
Washington.

James Ross Snowden.
Director

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Treasury Department
March 19th 1856

Sir,

The Collector of Customs at New York has been directed to admit free of duty or charges the package per "Africa" containing sets of weights imported for the use of the U. S. Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
James Guthrie
Sect of the Treasury

J. Ross. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 12th 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. advising remittance by the Adams Express Comp. of $497,246.11 in Gold Coin, which have arrived too late to be counted this day.

If the amount is correct, I will advise you of the same tomorrow.

Very Resp'y
Your Obt Svt
J. Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Strugeon Esq
Treas' U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

United States Assay Office
New York, March 12, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a communication addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, which I will thank you to forward, after perusal, with such remarks as you may deem appropriate.

It is proper to state that this letter was addressed to the Secretary at his request in an interview at Washington. If it had originated entirely with myself, it would have been addressed to you. It was the Secretary's request that it be communicated through you.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.
Sam'l. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

(Copy)

United States Assay Office.
New York, March 12, 1856.

Sir.

I beg leave to submit to you, through the Director of the Mint, some considerations touching the behavior of this Office, having reference particularly to the charges made to depositors for the operations performed for their benefit, and to the excess of our expenses over the revenue derived therefrom.

The whole amount of the deposits at this Office in 1855 was $37,037,851.32, and the aggregate amount of bullion refined during the year was,

Of Gold Oz. 1,125,262.37 = $20,935,117.00
Of Silver, " 392,680.07 = 456,927.97
Total $21,392,055.57

The Expenses of the Office, during the same period, have been as follows.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks $22,242.02
" Wages of Workmen, 12,195.37
" &c. & Contingencies including wastage when ascertained 17,831.40
Total $ 142,268.79

The amount derived from the charges on deposits, during the year was.

From parting charge on gold, $58,979.31
" bar charge " " 10,284.01
" charge on Silver, 1,256.28
" gained on Silver parted, 2,487.67
Total $70,907.27

It will be seen from these statements that the aggregate expenses of the Office were almost exactly double the amount derived from the charges imposed, and that, consequently, the cost of those charges must have been doubled, without any diminution in the amount of deposits to have yielded a revenue equal to our expenses.

In this view this Institution, the entire expenses of the Office have been exhibited in contrast with the aggregate gained, showing a net expense of $71,331.52 incurred by Government in maintaining a Mint for about $21,000,000. of deposits. Whether it is to be regarded as the true policy of the go

ernment, however, to assess the entire expense of the Mint establishment upon the individuals doing business with it, or whether our increased production of the precious metals, and a uniform and reliable currency, be not a national advantage sufficient to justify a national expenditure, need not now be considered. This Office, as well as the Mint, is restricted, in the imposition of charges on deposits, to the actual expense attending the several operations to which the bullion is subjected. By Sect. 18 of the Act of Jan. 18, 1837, it is provided that the "rate of charges shall be fixed from time to time by the Director, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, so as not to exceed in their judgment the actual expense to the Mint of the materials and labor employed." And by the 7th Sect. of the Act of March 3, 1853, it is enacted that "the charge for refining, assaying, or forming, said bars, ingots or disks, shall be equal to, but not exceed, the actual cost of the operation, including labor, wastage, use of machinery, &c., to be regulated from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury."

Confining myself, therefore, to the actual expenses incident to the operations of refining and bar making at this Office, during the past year, the following result is reached.

Aggregate expenses, as already stated, . $ . . . . $ 142,000. —

Deduct expenditures for objects not embraced in the terms of the above enactment. 1. Salaries of Officers and Clerks $ 22,000. —

2. Wages of Watchmen, Doorkeepers, Weighers &c. 10,000. —

3. Incidentals such as Stationery, furniture, new machinery, &c. . . . . 5,000. — . . . . 37,000. —

Leaving the sum of $ 105,000 — as the net expense of refining operations, including wastage & loss on sweeps, & also the labor & materials of the Assay Department & the Deposit Melting room.

Deducting now the proceeds of the year, derived from charges on deposits as already stated . . . . 71,000. —

We have the sum of . . . . $ 34,000. — as the net cost to the Government of the refining operations of this Office, beyond what is charged for the same to depositors.

If therefore the present amount of our operations be taken as the basis of the charges to be levied, it is manifest that our existing rates are too low, and that an increase of 48 per cent. would be necessary to meet the expenses actually incurred.

It must be remembered, however, that the precious metals are merchandise, the disposition of which will be governed by the interests of the owners. It is certain that any increase in our charges would have the effect of diminishing our deposits. At our present low rates of charge for refining & for bars, a large portion of the gold of California finds its way to Europe, either in the form of bars bearing the stamp of private refiners & assayers or in the unrefined bars of the branch Mint in that City. The dealer in bullion, in remitting it to other Marts, must determine in what form to send it. Undoubtedly ... to remit it in the form in which it is brought from the branch ... or export, being dependent upon the ...
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When these unrefined bars are received in New York, unless foreign exchange rules so low as to preclude the export of specie, they are divided into two classes. Those of high fineness, containing but little silver, will be shipped to Europe; while those of lower fineness, and containing enough silver to yield a return to the owner under our charges, will be deposited in this Office to be refined & paid for in fine bars. If, however, the price of foreign exchange in this market should be low enough to stop the export of specie, the California bars will be deposited at this Office & at the Mint for coinage, thus incurring a charge of half per cent. in addition to the bar charge of a quarter per cent paid in California. Now, inasmuch as the dealer in San Francisco cannot always be certain that exchange is high enough in New York to require bars, and inasmuch as the coinage charge at the San Francisco Branch Mint is no greater than it is at the Mint and at this Office, he will deem it safest to deposit the bullion at the outset for coinage at the San Francisco Branch Mint. These coins are then remitted to New York, thence to be exported to Europe, for which purpose they answer equally well as the bars.

The effect of the existing state of things is to subject the Government to the expense of a coinage in California vastly exceeding the local demand, and at a cost it is presumed far greater than at the Mint. There is an increasing tendency to give this direction to the gold of California, and I am informed that of the last remittance from San Francisco a large proportion was in coin which formed a part of the recent shipments to Europe. If the charges for refining and

coinage at the San Francisco Branch Mint were commensurate with the cost of those operations at that point, its coinage would be restricted to the local demands, and the bullion of commerce would seek those points where the Government can most economically perform the operations to which it is to be subjected.

These remarks have been made for the purpose of showing the practicability and importance of such a readjustment of the charges as would effect this object, and also for the purpose of indicating the impossibility of rightly determining the charges proper to be made at this Office without considering the cause relations of trade, and without at the same time readjusting the charges of the Mint and its Branches. I have assumed that it is for the interest of the Government to limit the operations of the Branch Mint in California to the local demands of business. This question hardly admits of argument. Why should large amounts of bullion continue to be operated on in California, at a cost probably double what it would be at New York and Philadelphia, when by so doing the wants of Commerce are no better subserved, and when, by the consequent diminution of the business of the Assay Office and the Mint their expenses are actually enhanced. To make this apparent I submit the following statement relating to this Office.

The organization of the various departments of this Office is now such as has been demanded by the business which we are from time to time called upon to perform, and yet our present capacity for business far exceeds its present amount. While the arrangements of this Office are adequate to a refining business of fifty millions a year, our operations for the past year were only about twenty one millions. As has been already stated, the business of 1855 has been attended with an aggregate expense of $148,000. Deducting the gain from charges, $74,000 the net cost to Government of our operations for $21,000,000 was $74,000.

The increased expenses of an enlargement of our operations to $50,000,000 is estimated as follows	For Fuel $6,000	
	" Material 45,000	
	" Wastage &c 25,000	$76,000
		$150,000
Deducting the gain derivable from $29,000,000 additional deposits		90,000
We have the sum of		$60,000

as the net cost of the Office to the Government, with a business of fifty millions as compared with $74,000 for twenty one millions. This apparent anomaly is explained by the circumstance that while our expenses are to a considerable extent permanent, and not dependent upon the amount of our operations, the gains from deposits are in direct proportion to their amount. It follows from the considerations thus presented, that there are two modes of increasing the income of this Office so as to make it approximate more nearly our expenses. As an increase in our charges would have the effect of diminishing our deposits, & possibly the aggregate amount of income, the only practicable method is the adoption of such measures as will tend to increase our deposits. I am convinced that much would be effected by such a change in the law as would permit an equitable re-adjustment of charges of the entire Mint establishment. I have not deemed it proper to suggest a scale of charges, that duty by law devolves upon the Director of the Mint, who, by his familiarity with the subject, and the official facilities which he possesses, is well qualified for its performance. I have the honor to be, Very respectfully, &c &c

Sam. F. Butterworth Supt.

Hon. James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury

United States Assay Office
New York March 13, 1856.

Sir,

I informed you on the 27th ult. that I proposed to forward to the Mint for purchase under your existing regulations, the fine silver which has accumulated at this Office. Before taking this step, however, it seemed to me to be necessary to explain to the Secretary of the Treasury the circumstances which have caused this accumulation of silver, & to ask his authority for making the proposed disposition of it.

Upon further reflection, however, I am of opinion that this silver should be regarded as deposited at this Office for coinage. It is true a portion of it has been paid for in gold bars; but this has only been effected by allowing to the depositor a premium of four per cent. upon its value in silver dollars, in which coins the silver deposited is, strictly speaking, payable.

In this view of the case, the law establishing this office determines the disposition

to be made of this deposit. It is to be "transferred to the Mint", just as we have hitherto transferred both gold & silver, for coinage.

As, however, payment by the Mint would be made in silver dollars, of which coin we have an adequate supply, I am desirous of learning whether it will be inconsistent with the usage of the Mint to convert the value of the dollars, which would be payable, into the silver coins of lower denomination. Of these last named coins, an exchange can be effected for gold coins, with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, & thus the convenience of this Office be essentially promoted.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 13. 1856

Sir

I have this day placed to your Credit the Amount of Four hundred and Ninety Seven Thousand, two hundred and Sixty six $^{11}/_{100}$ dollars ($497.266.11) the receipt of which I acknowledged in my letter of yesterday.

Yours of the 12th inst. is received, advising remittance by the Adams Express Co. of $322,133.53 in Gold Coins, which have not yet been delivered at this Office.

If convenient, I will thank you in your next remittance, to include fifty thousand dollars of the denomination of "threes"; In the absence of your ability to supply them, I would suggest the expediency of having them Coined.

Very Resp.ly

Your Obt Svt

Daniel Stringham Esq
Treas.r U. S. Mint
Phil.a

Jno. J. Cisco
Treasurer

March 10 . 6

Sir:

I will thank you to deliver to the Adams Express Co. the packages referred to in the enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am very respectfully,
Your Ob. Servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. H. J. Redfield
Collector of the Customs
N.Y.

Treasury Department,
March 11, 1856

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant has been received and I have to say in reply, that if the insurance offices, and other corporate bodies and establishments and persons referred to by you, are not in any manner incorporated banks, are not invested with banking privileges by the laws of Pennsylvania, and do not make periodical reports or return, to any of the authorities of the State, of their condition, then they are within the scope of my circular, and it will be proper to include their capital in the report that you may make to this Department, taking care however, to return only that portion of it which is employed in private banking or in the exchange business.

Inclosed you will find a blank circular. A brief statement of the aggregate capital in Philadelphia, will answer the purpose.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Western Bank of Philadelphia.

March 24 1856.

Col. J. Robinson

Dear Sir

I have your note of this morning & thank you for your prompt & kind attention.

I have the means of estimating pretty accurately the amt of Deposits in the Banks in Philadelphia & State the aggregate amt as being at this time about $17,000,000. Seventeen millions.

I would estimate the amt of Capital applied to the Banks as indicated by your inquiry at 12 to 15 Millions. The last estimate is probably more conjectural than certain than the other in regard to the deposits.

Yours very truly

J. Patterson

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

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Sir:

I respectfully request that you will furnish this Department, at your earliest convenience, with the names and the amount of capital of all the private and unchartered banks in _____, if any there be, whether managed by persons calling themselves bankers, exchange brokers, or by any other designation. The object is to incorporate statements of the condition of all the private banking establishments in the annual report made by the Secretary of the Treasury to Congress, of the condition of all the banks in the United States; and if you cannot give exact information, please make it as accurate as may be practicable.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary of the Treasury.

To

March [illegible].

Sir

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the [illegible] inst. I have made inquiries as to the probable amount of capital employed in foreign banking in this city.

There being no [official] or accurate statement from persons engaged in that business, we have to rely upon the estimates of persons who have the best means of information upon the point in question.

To show the diversity of opinion upon this subject even among those most likely to be informed, I may state that whilst some gentlemen have estimated the capital thus engaged at [as low as] ten [millions], others with [seemingly] favorable opportunities of judging correctly, have placed it at high as thirty millions.

From the best information I have been able to [obtain] I [submit] the following [illegible]. Capital of [persons] [illegible] that is [to say persons dealing in] [illegible] exchange [illegible] [regularly] engaged in that business [illegible]

Capital used in the [illegible] of [illegible] other than [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

thus making the amount employed in foreign banking, [illegible]

[illegible] for circulating purposes [illegible] the sum of $25,000,000.

As already intimated, I find it extremely difficult to obtain any information upon this subject which can be regarded as reliable, and although the above estimate is based upon the best data I have been able to procure, I present it, nevertheless, with some hesitancy and diffidence.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington City.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 11, 1856

Sir.

I have to request that you will give the ~~order~~ ~~to admit duty free~~ to pass entrance a box, which ~~the Collector of the Customs at New York to admit~~ arrived recently at the Port of St Thomas and ~~duty free~~ consigned to Mr. Eckfeldt. ~~Assistant~~

I have been advised by Sterling & Co of London of the shipment by him of two sets of Assay weights

containing two sets of weights

for the Assay Department of the Mint

1856

March 11. 6

Sir:

I have to request that you will give the
necessary order to the Collector at New York to admit
free of duties, a package recently received at
that Port from London (per St. Louis) containing
one set of weights for the Assay department of
the Mint, and advance as ordered by Mr. Eckfeldt
& Dr. Mitchell.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful obt. servt
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. Howell Cobb
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 10. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. advising remittance of Gold Coins, amounting to $513.787.19 by the Adams Express Company, which have been received, and duly credited to your account.

Very Respy
your Obt Svt

Daniel Stuyvesant Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Allen
Treasurer

Treas. Mint. Philadelphia

March 10 1856

Transfer dft No. 2485 favor Asst Treas. Boston for $50.000 =

This agreement made this Tenth day of March, A.D. 1856, by and between the United States of America, by James Ross Snowden, Director of the U.S. Mint, under authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mon. Phillips of the City of Philadelphia, Witnesseth: That the said Mon. Phillips, undertakes promises and agrees to deliver at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia for the term of one year from this date all the acids which the said Mint may require on the following terms, to wit: Nitric or parting acid Strength 39° Beaume at Six Dollars and Eighty five Cents per One hundred pounds, and Sulphuric Acid of the usual Strength at One dollar and Seventy five cents per One hundred pounds, said acids to be delivered in glass carboys, at such times and in such quantities as the said Mint may require. In consideration whereof the United States agrees to pay said Mon. Phillips on the delivery of the acids at the Mint aforesaid, at the rate hereinbefore specified. And it is further agreed that before the ensealing of these presents, the said Mon. Phillips will give bonds in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, as Security for the faithful performance of the Stipulations aforesaid.

And the said Mon. Phillips further agrees to furnish on board of Vessels at the Port of Philadelphia, for the Space of one year from the date hereof all the acids the said Director may request to be shipped to the Branches of the Mint except that at San Fran

also said Acids to be of the same Strength, and paid for at the rates as those furnished the Mint by the said Mrs Phillips under the within contract.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and Seals the day and year before written.

James Ros. Snowden [Seal]

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
H. R. Linderman

Mrs. Phillips [Seal]

Know all men By these Presents, that we Mrs. Phillips of the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, as Principal and Joseph C. Levis

as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, in the just and full sum of Two thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said the United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this day of March Anno Domini One thousand, eight hundred and fifty six (1856)

Whereas by an Agreement this day made and entered into by and between James Ros Snowden Director of the Mint of the United States for and on behalf of the United States of America under the authority of the Treasury Department thereof party of the first part and the said Mrs Phillips party of the second part, he the said Mrs Phillips doth covenant and agree to furnish during the year ensuing the date thereof the amount of Acid required for the several Mints & Establishments in the said Agreement specified under the conditions and Stipulations and upon the terms therein entered into and agreed upon by him the said Mrs Phillips

Now, therefore, the condition of this Obligation is such that if he the said Mrs Phillips shall faithfully, fully and diligent perform execute, comply with and discharge all and singular the Stipulations and agreements, covenants and provisions by him in the aforesaid Agreement entered into, contracted for and made, and shall in all respects fulfill and carry out the terms of the said Agreement entered into as aforesaid then and in such case this Obligation shall be void and of none effect otherwise it shall remain and continue in full force and virtue

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
H R Linderman

Mrs. Phillips [Seal]

J C Levis [Seal]

The Above and foregoing Contract, it is agreed, shall be continued for another year from its Date, upon the terms and Stipulations set forth in the Contract.

James Ros Snowden [Seal]
Director of the Mint

Sealed and Delivered
March the 15th 1857.
in the presence of
J. C. Costello.

Mrs. Phillips [Seal]

Treasury Department
January 9th 1856.

Sir:

I have received your letter dated the 8th inst. asking, on behalf of Thomas B. Curtis and others, of Boston, that a medal, which they propose to present Com. Perry, may be struck at the Mint, and to say, in reply, that the Director of the Mint will be authorized to have the medal struck, as requested, on the usual conditions, the parties to defray all the expenses.

I am, very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Svt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. C. Cushing.
Attorney General
of the U. States!

Mint of the United States
Philada 7 March 1837

Sir,

I this day forward to your address another quarterly account of the Branch Mints, Cal$ in two boxes marked A. & B.

The same differences in the distribution of the key were undertaken that were presented in the former quarter between the Treas$ statements and those of ours transmitted, and I refer you to my former letter for an explanation of them. They are of no special moment, and will be eliminated in the next quarterly statements most probably.

A greater delay than I anticipated has occurred in forwarding these accounts, the accounts being found in entire disorder, and an arrangement of them in the order of numbers having been requisite. It is hoped that before this week is past I shall transmit to you the two remaining quarters now in my possession.

Very respectfully

Hon. L. Woodbury Esq
Secretary
Washington.

James Ross Snowden
Director

United States Assay Office
New York March 8, 1856.

Sir,

The following offers were received by me on the 6th inst., for supplying this Office with Acid:

1.	A. A. Locke, New York,	Nitric	10 cts.
		Sulphuric	2 "
2.	Merr Phillips, Phila.	Nitric	7 3/4
		Sulph.	2
3.	John M. Skillman, NY.	Nitric	7 1/10
		Sulph.	2
4.	A. Lenning } Phil.	Nitric	7
	Coons Wightman }	Sulph.	1 7/8
5.	M. Kalbfleisch	Nitric	7
		Sulph	2

As the offer of Mess. Lenning & Coons (No. 4) was coupled with conditions, and simply contemplates the delivery of the acid on board the vessel at Phil., some addition must of course be made to it in any comparison with the other offers, which are unconditional and include delivery at this Office.

The amount of this deficiency I cannot precisely determine. It includes freight on acid & return freight on empty carboys, cartage & insurance. The conditions as to the time of furnishing the acid would subject us to the expense of storage in the Winter months, as the quantity then required would have to be sent on before the close of navigation.

In view of all the circumstances, it is manifest that none of the offers are as advantageous as the terms upon which Mr. Kalbfleisch has hitherto supplied us, which terms he offers to accept for the future. He desires it to be understood, however, that, as he was induced to erect expensive works by the belief that his contract with this Office was of a permanent character, & as he has continued to comply with it even at a loss to himself, until the Government in view of the fact was pleased to increase his compensation one cent per lb. for a limited period, — his present offer to continue his contract upon the terms he thinks ought to be regarded by the Government as not limited to a single year. If so limited he asks to be allowed the lowest bid for acid delivered at the Army Offices viz 7¾o cts.

I deem it proper to transmit to you the proposals as above enumerated, and also the proposal & bond of Mr. Kalbfleisch. I shall be glad to have your opinion with regard to Mr. Kalbfleisch's proposition, at which time I pray you to return to me the papers now enclosed.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.,
Sam'l Breckinridge
Supt

Hon. L. R. Bowden,
Director of the Mint
Philad'a.

. . .   March 10th   6.

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I transmit for your consideration the bids received at the Assay office, New York, for supplying that institution with acids. I concur with Mr. Butterworth, the Superintendent, in the opinion that the offer of Mr. Kalbfleisch is the lowest and best, and therefore the most advantageous to the government. It is the same that is provided for in the original agreement with him. The point presented by him, — that his agreement is of a permanent character — is submitted to your decision.

When you communicate your instructions you will please cause the papers, herewith enclosed, to be returned to this office.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

March 10th [illegible] 6.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing the bids received for supplying the Assay office with acids, and have transmitted them to the Secretary of the Treasury for his consideration in which I observe that "I concur with Mr. Butterworth, the Supt. in the opinion that the offer of Mr. [illegible] is the lowest and best, and is therefore the most advantageous to the Government. It is the same that is provided for in the original agreement with him. The point [illegible] by him – that his original agreement is of a permanent character – is submitted to your decision."

I have also asked him to advise [illegible] to me when he has considered the subject. As soon as I hear from the Department I will write to you.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq.
Supt. Assay office
New York.

March 9th [illegible]

Sir,

I have been requested by Mr. Samuel Aitken of this city to furnish him with a copy of the Fillmore Presidential medal; and have deemed it proper to submit the request to your consideration. It can be furnished without any inconvenience, if you think it proper to do so. Applications of a similar kind are frequently made, and it seems desirable that some regulation should be had on the subject. So as to provide for the striking of medals and furnishing copies to such persons as may apply for the same, under such general regulations as you may approve.

If however you should consider that this business had better hereafter be declined I will promptly and cheerfully carry out your instructions.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your obedient servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy. of the Treasury
Washington City.

P. A. Browne is about having sold, at Auction, some Silver ware belonging to an estate to which he is executor; & wishes to know, whether he can have it weighed (each piece seperately) at the Mint. He is willing to pay for the weighing. If it can be done, please send word, by the bearer, when the trunk can be sent to the Mint next week.

No 331 Walnut St. Phila. May 1854

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

March 6th 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing receipt of the Adams Express Comp. for $ 338.500.15 which amount has been received in Gold Coins, and duly Credited to your Account.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
Mch. 6. 1866.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir,

The Authorities of this College will hereafter have occasion to provide annually a gold medal, for a mathematical prize, & wish now to strike five or six copies, in advance. A set of dies for this medal, with intermediate rings, has been made at Waterbury in this State, at a cost of $ 25. As there is some difficulty in preparing the metal & striking the dies in New Haven, I take the liberty of asking if the work can be done at the United States Mint.

I enclose an impression of the dies on sealing wax. The diameter of the ring which determines that of the medal is an inch & three tenths. The thickness of the medal is indeterminate, & must be left to the judgment of the artist, subject to the single condition that the value of ten dollars in gold shall be in each medal. It will of course be necessary to mingle considerable alloy with the gold in order to secure the requisite thickness.

As the execution of the dies is not in all respects satisfactory, it is possible that we may wish a new set to be cut at the Mint, of the same size & pattern as the present, but with some slight alterations in the lettering in the centre of the shield.

You will confer a great favor on us, if you will inform me whether the striking of the medals, & the preparation of the metal therefor, can be done at the Mint; — & if so, what will be the cost to us, & also what would be the cost of new dies.

Trusting that you will excuse the liberty I take in making this application I remain

Very respectfully

Yr. obed't. Servt.

Edw'd. C. Herrick,

Treas't.

Portland
March 4, 1856

Dear Sir.

Your Note of the 3d. is rec'd, and I have written a Note to Dr Cleaveland - and hope to see him in a day or two -. The Amount found in the "Crock" was about $100 (beside the ring) Specie - Some of the Coins have been already distributed among Societies and other parties, having Collections, but I asked him to dispose of no More until I could Communicate with you - The Coins (if I remember correctly) are about of the value of $5 - but are as large as our double X.

Very Respectfully Yours
Neal Dow

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director U. S. Mint
Phila.

Treasury Department,
March 5, 1856.

Sir:

You will perceive by the inclosed circular that I am endeavoring to ascertain the probable amount of the capital employed in the United States, in private banking and in the exchange business, and you will oblige me if you will inform me from the best data you can obtain, what amount of capital is so employed in Philadelphia. A brief statement of the sum in the aggregate, without names or details will answer the purpose

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

To
The Director of the
United States' Mint
Philadelphia

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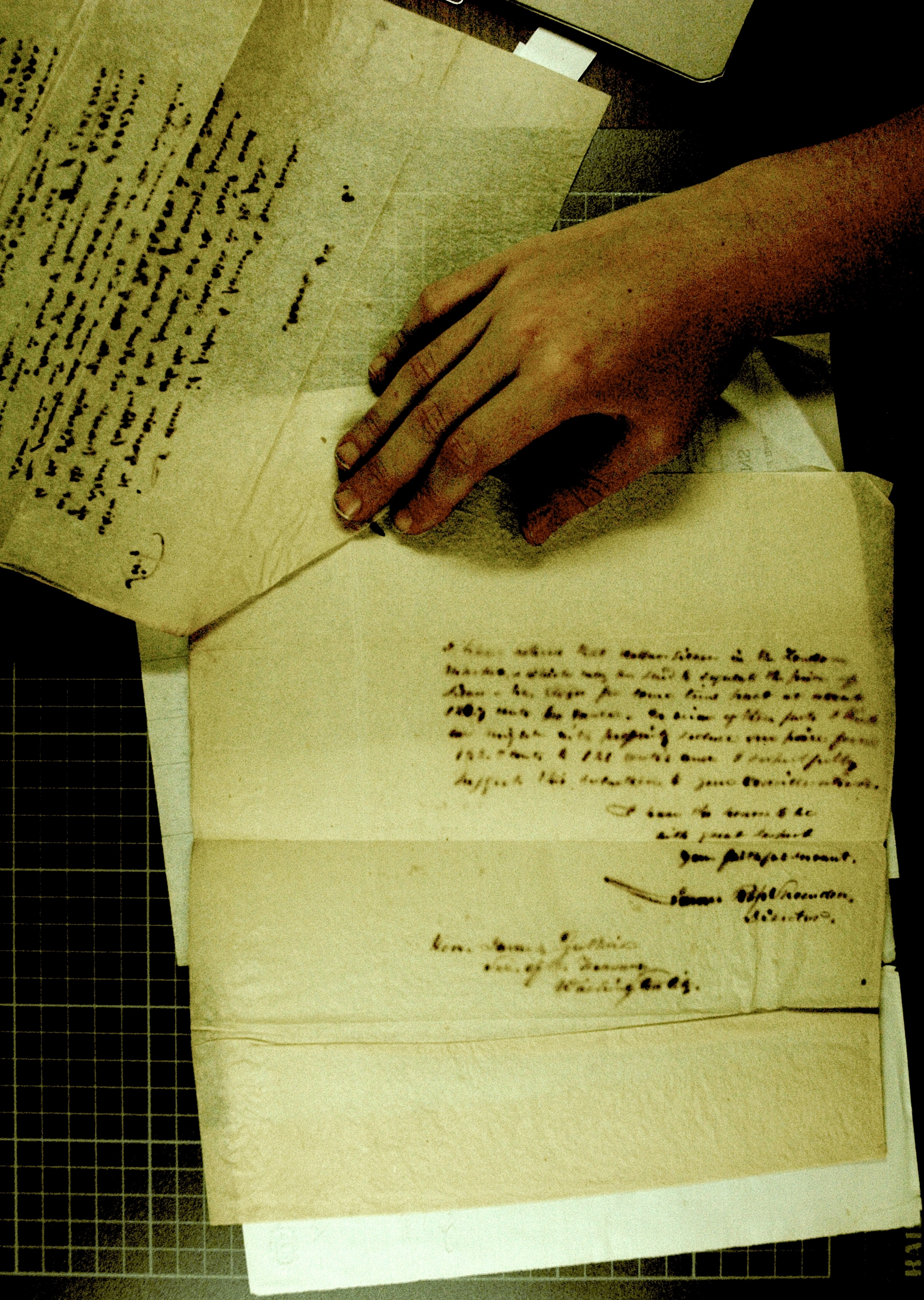

Duplicate

Philadelphia March 1st 1876

M. M. S. Branch Mart. San Francisco

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th.

North Side.

No 467 lbs Best Mk + 5 in square cast steel for duplicate pairs for Coining Dies @ 30c per lb	17 40
" Forging on same	121 75
" Turning, Planing, Grinding & Lapping	305 23
" Hardening	50
" Packing Expenses	50
	$577 38

Phil March 10th 1876 Received of James R Snowden Director the above bill in full

Morgan & Orr

U. S. Assay Office,
New-York, Mar. 4, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed my report to the Department of the monthly examination made by me on the 29th ult. of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of this Office.

This examination was made in accordance with the instructions of the Department dated 11th ultimo.

Very respectfully,
Your ob. servt.
J. P. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
March 4. 1856.

Sir

I have received your
of the 1st inst and enclosing the several proposals
for supplying the Mint with acids - and you
are authorized to accept the proposal of Mr
M. Phillips.

I am very Respt.
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

S. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada

March 1. 6.

Sir

The usual monthly count of the balance on hand made yesterday exhibited in the Treasury of the Mint, in Gold Coins $ 408.208.53

Silver "	667.785.70
Ordinary Fund	6.103.95
Repair .	19.526.50
Total	$1.101.624.68

which amount was found on examination to correspond with the balance as stated upon the Treasurer's books of account.

The balance in the Office of the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at the same time was found by count to be $299.194.25, in gold and silver coins, agreeing with the amount as stated in the account books of that Office.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your faithful Servant

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

March 1st 6

Sir:

The enclosed statement exhibits the deposits made and coinage executed, at the Mint during the month of February last.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Copy

"The Medal Fund" of the "Mint of the U. S."

Dr.

To James C. Booth, Melter & Refiner of the Mint

for

Gold & Silver Bullion, furnished from my Dept.

as follows

185[illegible]				
May 2	ʒ 11.22	Gold .913 Fine for Com. State Agricul. Soc. Medals	ʒ 19.91 Stand. Gold	$370.43
185[illegible]				
Jany 2	ʒ 81.02	Silver .998 Fine, for Com. State Agricul. Soc. Medals	ʒ [illegible] Stand. Silver	$111.60
Jany 29	ʒ 18.61	.998 ... Penn. ... do	ʒ 20.15	24.13
March	ʒ 21.24	.998 ... do	ʒ 23.[illegible]	27.42
	ʒ 110.87	.998	ʒ 134.29	$156.15

Received from the Hon. J. R. Snowden Director of the Mint of the United States Nineteen ~~Ounces~~ and Ninety one/100 Ounces Stand. Gold, and also One Hundred and Thirty four 29/100 Ounces Stand. Silver in Exchange for the above Bullion

Sd. J. C. Booth
M. & R.

March 1st 6

Sir

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 20th of January last, I invited proposals for supplying the Mint with acids as per copy of advertisement enclosed. The bids were opened this morning in the presence of several of the bidders and are herewith transmitted to you for your decision.

For convenience of reference the offers may be stated as follows:

Names of bidders	Nitric Acid	Sulphuric Acid
Mess. Phillips	$6.50 per 100 lbs	$1.75 per 100 lbs
Charles J. Bruce	7 cents per lb	-
N. Lennig & Co. / Powers & Weightman	7 cents per lb in [illegible] / [illegible]	1 7/8 cents in [illegible] / [illegible] in lots
Wm. [illegible] & Co.	8 1/2 cents per lb [illegible]	1 3/4 cts per lb

It will be seen from the above that the offer of Mr. Phillips is the lowest both for the Nitric and the

Sulphuric Acid, and Thermometers to be supplied by the Department.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
[illegible]
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Hon. Louis McLane,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Sect. 1. That from & after the passage of this act the silver coins of ten reals, one real, and one-half real, commonly known as the quarter, eighth, and sixteenth parts of the Spanish pillar dollar, and of the Mexican dollar, shall be receivable for dues to the Government of the United States, at any of its treasuries, agencies, and post-offices, at the rates of 20 cents, 10 cents, and 5 cents respectively; but they shall not be in any other ~~account~~ transaction a legal tender, nor be paid out of the treasury of the United States.

Sect. 2. The various acts of Congress giving legal currency to ~~certain~~ foreign gold and silver coins, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. From & after the passage of this act, the coinage of the present cent and half cent shall cease.

Sect. 4. The Director of the mint shall, within the present year, submit to the Secretary of the Treasury, the pattern and provisions for a new cent, to be composed of copper, or of some

other suitable metal, or alloy, to be of less size and weight than the present cent; and if it be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and ~~further~~ sanctioned by the President of the United States, it shall be the duty of the President to issue his proclamation, declaring and authorizing said coinage, and thereupon such cent coins shall be struck at the mint of the United States.

Sect. 5. The cent coined under sect. 4. shall be exchangeable for the eighths, quarters, eighths and sixteenths of a dollar mentioned in sect. 1., at their nominal value, at the mint, and at other places within the United States, to be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and so that the costs of transportation shall be borne by government, and paid out of the profits of coinage.

Sect. 6. The cents and half cents now current, shall in like manner be exchangeable for the new cent, at ~~various~~ the same places, and without cost to the party desiring the exchange.

Sect. 7. The net profits of this coinage to be paid from time to time into the U. S. Treasury.

Sect. 8. The Director of the Mint to report, at least once in two years, to Congress, through the Secretary, the average weight, fineness, and values of the principal gold and silver coins known in commerce.

Mint of the United States.

Copy.

Philadelphia, March 13th 1856.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of yesterday in relation to the cent coinage.

It has been directed by the Secretary of the Treasury, that all communications of this character should be made through the Treasury Department.

I shall be most happy to respond to your requests when it comes through the channels indicated.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hono. R. M. T. Hunter
Chairman, Committee
on Finance,
U.S. Senate

Washington, March 12th 1856

Dr Sir

In the letter which you sent me you did not define the constituent parts of the cent either as to value or material — The Committee on Finance have directed me to request you to send me a clause for the cent pieces which shall be more definite

Yours respectfully

R. M. T. Hunter

Mr James R. Snowden

Director of the Mint

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/NOVEMBER

Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office at New York, for the month ending November 30, 1856.

	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts
DEPOSITS OF GOLD:				
Foreign Coins,	—	—		
Foreign Bullion,	1,151	04		
United States Coins, (Old Standard,)				
United States Bullion,	1,519,038	55		
			1,520,189	59
DEPOSITS OF SILVER:				
Foreign Coins,	2,071	05		
Foreign Bullion,	1,248	51		
United States Bullion, (contained in Gold,)	11,646	71		
Do. from Lake Superior	597	08		
			15,563	35
TOTAL DEPOSITS: Payable in Bars,	1,506,980	32		
" " " Coins,	28,772	62		
			1,535,752	94
GOLD BARS STAMPED: No. 3777 to 4179			1,760,568	04

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United States Assay Office,
New York, Nov. 29, 1856.

Statement of Deposits & Coinage

AT THE

Mint of the United States, during November 1856.

DEPOSITS.

Gold from California,	$ 94.056.00
" other sources,	7.924.00
Total Gold,	$101.980.00
Silver deposits, including purchases,	45.600.00
Total deposits,	$147.580.00

COINAGE EXECUTED.

GOLD.

DENOMINATION.	NO. OF PIECES.	VALUE.
Double Eagles,		$
Eagles,		
Half Eagles,		
Three Dollars,		
Quarter Eagles,		
Dollars,	59.867	59.867.00
Fine Bars	22	4.702.40
Total,	59.889	$ 64.569.40

SILVER.

Dollars,		$
Half Dollars,		
Quarter Dollars,		
Dimes,	700.000	70.000.00
Half Dimes,		
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total,	700.000	$ 70.000.00

COPPER.

Cents,	610.545	$ 6.105.45
Half Cents,		
Total,	610.545	$ 6.105.45

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	59.889	$ 64.569.40
Silver "	700.000	70.000.00
Copper "	610.545	6.105.45

Total No. of pieces, 1.370.434 Total value $140.674.85

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, November 29 1856

Director.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 29, 1856.

Sir.

The enclosed Statement exhibits the oper

Nov. 29. 6.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of this days business, shews the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer viz:

In Gold Coin	£1,095,769.84
" Silver "	888,645.74
" Ordinary Fund	24,521.09
" Repair "	1,346.50
Total	£2,000,286.17

which amount corresponds with the balance stated upon the books of account in this office.

The balance in the hands of the Asst. Treas.r U.S. at the same time was $575,371.77, in gold and silver coin, agreeing with that Officers books of account.

An examination into the contents

the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence
that the business of the institution is conduc
with fidelity and care, and a proper attent
ability to the interests of the Government and the
public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City

Nov. 29, 6.

Sir.

The enclosed Statement exhibits the Deposits & Coinage at the Mint during the Month ending to day.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Hon Louis McLane
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City

Chief Coiner's Office
U. S. Mint,
Phila.a Nov 29. 1856

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia-
Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report that during the Months of October and November the operatives, in the Rolling Cutting, Whitening and Coining Rooms, have performed the duties assigned them with their usual punctuality and dispatch.

I would respectfully recommend, for your early consideration, that a heater be placed under the centre of the Coining Room, with a Register arranged in the middle of the floor, as there is not sufficient heat derived at present for the operatives, when engaged in the duties of Coining &c.

Respectfully submitted by

Chas. E. Childs
Chief Coiner

Office of the Boston Post,
Boston, Nov 28 1856.

Dr Sir

We have sent our Bill by Adams & Co Express for advs proposals for acid for U.S. Mint & we trust it will be settled upon presentation

Respy Yours
Beals Greene & Co

1856

Pittsburgh Pa Nov 27th

U S Mint
Phil Pa

To the department
that will answer my questions
1st I wish to know if it
will pay for me to collect old
Silver Coin & send it to the mint
for recoining & if so please tell
me the percentage & also what kind
of coin will pay best will it
pay 2 ½ & pc?
2d Will you recoin Silver
for me & if so how long would it
take? or will you send me
new Coin immediately for the
old
Will you be kind enough
to give me such other information
as will be to my interest
to the enquire
& Oblige & respt
D. F. Smith

Office of the Asistant Treasurer, U. S.

New-York, Nov 24th 1854.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. Transfer draft No 3409. on you, in my favor, for $50.000. payable in silver coins. I will thank you to transmit in payment, the following denominations. viz.

1/2 dimes	$5.000
dimes	10.000
1/4 dollars	25.000
1/2 dollars	10.000
	$50.000.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant.
Wm. J. Cisco
Asst Treas.

Nov. 28. 6.

Sir,

I am authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the purchase of Silver Bullion for Coinage at your institution, on the terms specified in the annexed circular, which you may if you think proper, have published for the information of the public.

The Silver Bullion purchased at your office in pursuance of the above authorization will, from time to time, be transmitted to the Mint for Coinage, and silver coins of the new issue returned by the Mint for the same.

Very respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, November 25th, 1856.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization of the Secretary of the Treasury, that from and after the first day of December next Silver bullion for coinage will be purchased by the Treasurer of the Assay Office at New York, on the same terms as such bullion is now purchased at the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, namely, at the rate of one dollar twenty two and a half cents per Standard ounce.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed as usual and the Standard weight determined therefrom in [illegible], to the hundredth part of an ounce; and will be paid for in Silver coins of the new issue. The receipt given at the weighing will be presented by the seller or his order; and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of the receipt or the second day following, in case the Assay Office has an ample supply of Silver coin on hand; if not, the time for payment may be indicated by the Treasurer.

James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25th 1856.

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day following in case [redacted] the Assay office has a sufficient supply of silver coin on hand, if not, the time for payment may be indicated by the Treasurer.

[redacted]

Treasury Department
Nov. 22d 1856.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 22nd on the subject of the purchase of Silver Bullion at the Mint & Office at N. York - and you are authorized to direct the purchase of Bullion at that Office on the terms proposed by you.

I am very Respt.

James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philada.

Nov. 22. 6.

Gentlemen:

My proposition for a new cent passed the Senate of the United States at an early part of the last session, but was not taken up by the House of Reps.

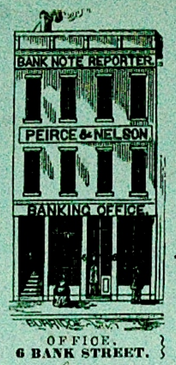
As soon as the law is passed I will be prepared to issue a beautiful new cent of a composition which will preserve its color and not become foul and black like the present cent: besides it will only weigh 72 grains instead of 168, the weight of the present one.

Please speak to such members of Congress as you may see and urge upon them the importance of the law in question.

As requested I send you a copy of the last annual report. Very Respectfully

Messrs [illegible] & Co.
Cleveland O.

James Ross Snowden



OFFICE,
6 BANK STREET.

MILTON P. PEIRCE.....

BANKING HOUSE,

OF

PEIRCE and ~~NELSON.~~ Co,

PUBLISHERS OF THE

CLEVELAND BANK NOTE REPORTER,

DEALERS IN

COIN, EXCHANGE, UNCURRENT MONEY, LAND WARRANTS. &c.

Collections promptly attended to, and Remittances made at Current Rates of Exchange,

Cleveland, O. Nov. 19th 1856

Director of the Mint

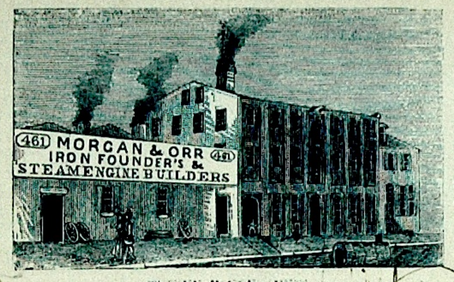
Dear Sir

We notice going the rounds of the press a statement that there has been issued at the Mint a new "Cent" coin after the plan proposed by you (Gov Snowden) two or three years ago — Is this so, & if so on what terms can they be had?

When can your last Report be had? We have addressed parties at Washington but do not succeed in obtaining one —

Yours Truly

Peirce & Co.



Philadelphia Nov 22nd 1856

Model Department U.S. Navy

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th,

North Side.

No 9	1 Set Propeller Moulds	344 lbs	4	13.76
" 9	2 Sets Do Same		2	18.00
				31.76

Rec Payment

Morgan & Orr

Monticello Sept. 6

Sir,

Your favr of 22nd inst. enclosing draft on New York for $200. was duly recd. The proceeds of the draft have this day been sent to You per Adams Express Co. in the denomination of Convertible Obligations $100 on Selph. and the same Amount in bills. Enclosed is the Express Co. receipt therefor.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Elijah Coffin Esq.
Cashier,
Richmond,
Indiana.

Branch State Bank of Indiana.

Richmond, 11th Month 22d 1856.

Director of the U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Respected Friend,

We are in want of a supply of Cents, say $100; also of Three Cent Coins, say $100.

Will thou oblige me by causing them to be sent to my address, as below, by the Adams Express Co. prepaying so much of the transportation charges as the Mint is in the practice of doing in such case.

I enclose my Check on New York for $200 to pay for the Coins. Whatever we may have to pay towards transportation, we can pay here.

Respectfully,

Elijah Coffin Cash.

Address
"Elijah Coffin, Cashier
Richmond,
Indiana."

Raysville Georgia

Columbia Mine Nov. 20th 1856

Snowden Esq.

Will you be so kind as to send me a duplicate Mint Certificate of the Deposite made June 10th 1856 of 1859 dwts. of Gold - I have lost the original. and as we file all our Certificates. it would greatly oblige us by Sending one as above.

It is of some importance to us to keep a record of the fineness. and of the amount of Silver contained in the "King" &c &

Resp'y Your Obt. Servant
J Bellknap Smith

Duplicate Assay Mem.
Sent Nov. 25, 1856.

Office of the Board of Trade.
Boston Nov 26th 1856.

Wm James Dodd Snowden
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir. I take the liberty of Enclosing to you herewith a proof-sheet of some matter which I am preparing for publication in the next Annual Report of the Boston Board of Trade. Will you do me the favor to look it over, and to note any errors which you may discover in it.

I should not venture to make such a request, did I suppose there was any thing contained in the paper, which you yourself, or some gentlemen connected with the mint could not verify or correct at a glance.

The object of the Report is purely a public one. — It is circulated largely in foreign Countries as well as thro' the States, and I am particularly anxious that the statements and tables contained in it, should be accurate and

to be relied upon.

If by any chance, my request is one which, if complied with, will require much time or labor, I beg you will so frankly and return me the performance rejected

I shall not be the less grateful, but Ever remain

With the highest respect

Your obed't Servant

Isaac C. Bates.

Jeddy

Nov. 22 6.

Dear Sir,

I have, as requested in your letter of the 20th inst, examined the proof sheets which you sent me and find them accurate. I return them herewith.

In reference to the purchase of silver bullion for coinage it has occurred to me that my last circular on that subject might give you some useful information. I accordingly send you a copy.

You pay for silver bullion in such denominations of the new silver coin as the [illegible] seller may desire.

In my report for 1853 made in Jan. 1854, you will see that I express some doubt whether we have gone far enough in the reduction of the weight of the coin as authorized by the act of Feb. 1853

Rent would have somewhat conformed
there assessments - and it is
highly probable that at no very
distant period a measure
may become necessary, in order
that change may be supplied
to the public.

I am Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Caleb Rose Secretary
Directors of the Union
Isaac C. Bates Esq
Secretary of the
Board of Trade
Boston Mass.

Nov. 24. 6.

Sir.

Your favr of the 18th inst enclosing check for $1000 has been rec'd. The proceeds of the check have been sent to you this day per Adams Express Co. in the denominations of Silver coin specified in your letr. Enclosed is the Express Co's receipt for the same.

Very respectfully.
Yours Obt. Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

W. T. Wheeler Esqr.
Cash'r Farmers & Bank of Tennessee
Knoxville
Tenn.

W. B. SHAPARD, Jr., PRESIDENT. W. T. WHELESS, CASHIER.

FARMERS' BANK OF TENNESSEE,

Knoxville, Nov 18th 1854

Mr J. Ross Snowden
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the
is received, with enclosure I enclose my Ck #1852
On Metropolitan Bk N.Y. for which please
send me by Express $1000— in Silver change
as follows, $700— Quarters $200 dimes & $100—
half dimes. Please put up the dimes in a
bag and the half dimes in a Sep, bag, and then
put the two bags in with the quarters
I presume Drexel & Co will cash my check
if so send the change without delay

Respectfully &c
W. T. Wheless
Cashr

November 18, 6.

Sir.

Herewith I enclose the Official Bond of Mr. Orrin B. Ludd, late clerk to the Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, which I have certified is to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

November 17. 1856

Sir.

I herewith enclose the bond of Mr Orrin B Judd, as bar clerk to the Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, for your approval.

The parties are personally known to me, and I deem the Sureties ample.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Servant.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

[illegible]

Mint of the U. S.
November 17th, 1856.

Dear Sir:

Your note informing me of the deposit of ashes in the rear of this building on Juniper Street, has been received, and I have caused the removal of the ashes as requested.

Respectfully,
Yours, &c.
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Mr. John McCarthy,
Chief Commissioner
of Highways.

Mint of the United States.

Chief Coiner's Office

Philadelphia, Nov. 14th 1856

Hon. J. Ross Snowden

Director

Dear Sir

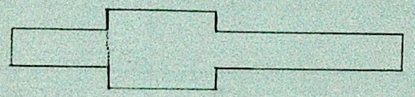
I regret very much to inform you of the breakage of the last Iron Chill'd Roll, recently procured from Pittsburgh; the Iron has the appearance of being very good, and I cannot think that the accident occured on account of the quality of the Iron, but in a measure owing to the Journals being very rounding, when they should have been perfectly straight and smooth, thereby causing the Roll (with very labour on it) to become Iron much heated, so much so, that we were obliged to throw the Set of Rolls out of Gear; and also in the finishing of the Roll (by the manufacturer) there was not "fillet" enough left on the Journal (the little sketch on next sheet will explain my meaning) as is the case with the old Chill'd Iron Rolls, which adds considerable to the strength of the Journal. I beg leave to

suggest the propriety of procuring a new Roll, to be made exactly like the remaining perfect one, with a set of new Boxes, to be made in the machine Shops, and also the purchasing of the C. S. Rolls of Mr Blake, Waterbury Conn, which I presume can be had at a low price, and if required on 12 Mos Credit, with a guarantee as to their durability.

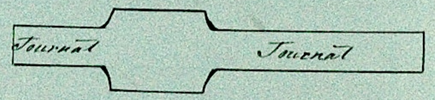
I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servt

Geo F. Thicke
Chief Draftsman

Broken Roll



Old Rolls.



Treasury of the United States,

Nov. 15, 1856.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive _____ Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,
Treasurer of the United States.

Jas. R. Snowden Esq.

N. B.—*The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to* AFFIX *his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a* MARK *should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.*

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern & Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PRE-PAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also your own address under the signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA—No. 98 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

Offices in NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover Street, and 181 Broadway.
" WILMINGTON.....Telegraph Building, N. E. Corner of Third and Market Sts.
" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington Dec 14 1856.

Rec'd *Philad'a* Dec 14 1856, 2 o'clock, 47 min. P M.

To J. R. Snowden

Director Mint

Send Mint statement for last quarter immediately

James Guthrie

7/50 oJ

Nov. 14th. 1

Sir.

Some difficulties were encountered in preparing the statement of the deposits and Coinage at the Mint for the Quarter ending September 30th last - asked for in your favor of the 7th inst; but on the receipt this afternoon of your despatch of to-day I have caused the statement to be completed; which I now with pleasure send herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

Lancaster Nov 14. 1856.

Hon. Dan'l. Sturgeon.

Treas: U.S. Mints.

Sir.

We accept inv.
of 20 keys Copper planchets, shipped
per Sch. R.S. Dean.

Yours.

Very Respectfully.

Bowles Bro & Co

Mint of the U. States
Philad.a Nov. 13th 1856.

Sir:

I have received the following Treasury Draft, payable to my order by the Asst. Treas. U.S. Philad.a
No. 2605 on Treas.y Warrant No. 7274 for $ 200.=

Your obedient servant,

Saml. Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

SAMUEL CASEY, ESQ.,
Treasurer of the United States.

Mint of the United States.
November 18th, 1856.

Sir,

Herewith I return to you Draft No. [illegible] on Warrt. 7070, and drawn to my order, which you will notice is unsigned by you and the Register.

I am,
Very resp.y,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

[illegible] Casey Esq.
Treas. U.S.
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13, 1856.

Sir,

I present herewith two of the State-
ments requested in your favor of the 7th inst. viz:
Statement exhibiting the deposits and coinage
the Mint, its Branches and the Assay Office at
York, for the 4th Quarter of 1855, and a like
ment for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1856.
~~preparation of~~ A similar Statement for the Quarter
ing on the 30th September last, will be presented
for the course of a days or two. The preparation of
part of the ~~month's~~ corresponding quarter referred to has
same has been delayed in consequence of my
wanting to enable me to ~~comp~~ prepare the
receiving until today the a report of the operations
y. There has been asked for
he Assay Office N.Y. for the month of Sept.
of the nonreception of
a report from the Br. Mint at New Orleans
one.

Treasury of the United States,

Nov. 12, 1856.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ..... Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Snowden Esq.

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November 10th. 6.

Sir

In reply to your letter of yesterday respecting the Medals furnished to the Department, I have to state that since the opening of their Office on the 1st of April, 1858. the Returns each quarter have been regularly transmitted to the Secretary, with the vouchers, and on that account would not be liable for their adjustment reported. The Return for the 2nd. quarter of 1858 was transmitted on the 5th of July, 1858.

The Return for	3rd.	"	2nd of Octr.
"	4th.	"	28th. Jan: 1859.
"	1st. 1859	"	30th. May
	2nd.	"	11th. Sept.
	3rd.	"	18th. Octr.

I have no doubt that the Return with the necessary vouchers will be found on file in the Department.

I am, very respectfully

James Ross Snowden.

Director.

T. L. Smith Esq:,

1st Auditor.

Department of Public Highways,

Office, S. W. corner Chestnut and Fifth Streets.

Philadelphia November 13th 1856

Col J. Ross Snowden

Dear Sir.

Complaint has been made at this Office, that some person in your Employ, is in the practice of depositing the Coal Ashes in the rear of the U States Mint. or on Juniper Street obstructing the Street, and likewise annoying them by suffering it to remain for two or three days.

You will exceedingly oblige this Department by abating the cause of Complaint.

Yours Respectfully
John McCarthy
Chief Commissioner
for Exam Ells

Nov. 13. 6.

Sir,

I present herewith two of the Statements requested in your favor of the 7th inst. viz: a Statement exhibiting the deposits & coinage of the Mint, its branches and the Assay Office, N.Y. for the fourth quarter of 1855, and a like Statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856. A similar Statement for the quarter ending September 30, 1856, will be presented in the course of a few days.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury Department
First Auditors office
November 12th 1856

D. K. Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Sir:

Your Medal Account for the Qr ending 30th Sept. last, has been referred to this office for settlement — On your a/c current you have debited, a "balance as per Statement of a/c 2d Qr 1856" and as no account of this character had been received or adjusted in this office, heretofore, I will thank you to state when the a/c shewing that balance, was transmitted and if its receipt and adjustment have been acknowledged

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt

L. W. Mahon
acty Auditor

Nov. 12. 6.

Sir:

On Friday last I telegraphed you to send me a report of your operations for the month of September last, but the same has not yet reached me. This report is wanted badly to prepare a statement requested by the Secretary of the Treasury for his annual report. Be pleased to transmit your report for September last at your earliest convenience.

Very resp. fully,

J. R. Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. F. [illegible] Esq.

[illegible]

[illegible]

U. S. Assay Office,
New-York, Nov 12th 1856.

Sir.

I have been absent for a few days. or your Ltr of the 8th inst should have received earlier attention. I now enclose Statements of Business at this office for the months of Sept. & October.

Very Respectfully
Sam. J. Butterworth
Supt.

Col. J. Ross Snowden
Director

Mint of the U. States
Phila. Nov. 12. 1856.

It is considered inexpedient to exchange fine bars either of gold or silver for coin. But if a depositor, either of gold or silver, desires a return in fine bars, payments may be made in that form as authorised by the 6th section of the act of Feb. 21. 1853.

James Ross Snowden
Director.

To the Treasurer
of the Mint.

Treasury Department
First Auditors office
November 11th 1856

Wm Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir:

Your Bullion A/c for 3d Qr. 1856 has been transmitted to the Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

D. McMahon
Actg auditor

New York 11 Mo 12. 1856.

Robert Patterson Act Ipes
Philadelphia
Esteemed Friend

Thy favour of 11th inst covering
receipt for eight kegs copperas check is at hand for which
we thank thee.

We yesterday received the first shipment of eight kegs.
We should be pleased to receive another large shipment.

Respectfully
Willets & Co

New Brunswick, New Jersey,
11th Nov. 1856.

Hon. Daniel Slaughter,
Treas: U.S.M. Philada.

Sir,

Enclosed is a
Draught for $86, on account of
82 oz. of Iridium, bought by me of
the Mint.
As I cannot receive it in time for
the next Steamer, you will please
hold the same subject to my order.

I remain, Respectfully
Yours Obed. Svt.
Jno. H. Parnum.

Mint of the United States.
Phila: Nov. 10. 1856.

Sir.

Your favor of the 28th. ult: enclosing draft for $1000 was duly received. The proceeds of the draft have been forwarded by you today per Adams Express Co: in the following denominations of coin, viz:

In Quarters	$ 700
" Dimes	100
" Half Dimes	100
" Three Cts	90
" Cents	10
	$1,000

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Gen. L. Northrop Esq
Comr. Racine & Miss. R. Road
Racine
Wisc.

R. M. Norton,
President.

Racine County Bank,
WISCONSIN.

Geo. C. Northrop,
Cashier.

Racine Oct 25th 1851

James Ross Snowden Esq Director &c
Philadelphia –

Dear Sir

I enclose
my N. Y. Dft for $1000 —
Please return silver
200 in 1/4 Dol
200 " 10 cts pieces
50 " 5 "
50 " 3 "
1000 —

about

By express and oblige
Yours very truly
Geo C Northrop Cs

700 1/4
100 10
100 1/4
90 3
10 1/4
1000

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

$

Philadelphia, November 10th 1856

Received of Hon. J. Ross Snowden

Director Mint of the U.S. and said to contain

One Box Medals (Containing 194 Medals)

MARKED Orange J. Brewster Esq

Treasurer

"Mass Charitable Mechanic Assoc" Boston Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

COD $25.75

Freight, __________

Insurance, __________

Jno. A. Bell

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

$100.—

Philadelphia, Nov 10 1856

Received of U.S. Mint

One bag ~~and said to~~ containing

One thousand Dollars

MARKED Racine County Bank
Racine
Wis.

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY *not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc.,* UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS, Jno. A. Bell C

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

[redacted] Hodges, Pres't.
Jo[redacted] Page, Cashier.

Capital, $200,000.

Bank of Rutland.

(Charter Expires Jan. 1st, '77)

Rutland, Vt. Nov 10th 1856.

Treasurer U.S. Mint
Dear Sir. Phila

Your favor of the _____ is received with enclosure, I enclose my check on the Metropolitan Bank N.Y. for $1.000- Please send me for same $900 Quarters and 100$ in half dimes, & oblige

Yours respectfully

J B Page Cas.

Please direct Adams & Co to deliver to the National Express Co. at New York,

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, November 8, 1856.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 1st inst I have corrected the list of Officers of the Mint and ~~Assayers, enclosed therein~~, and ~~also~~ filled up the blank note of the coinage, and herewith return them to you. I also send you by mail a copy of my last Annual Report.

November 8, 6.

Sir.

At the Treasurer of the Mint has desired leave of absence for a few weeks from to-day to visit his former residence in Fayette County, I have, with his consent, and pursuant to the 4th section of the general Mint law, appointed Mr Robert Patterson (Treasurers Clerk) to act in the Treasurers place during his absence.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
(Your faithful Servant)
Samuel Moore Rowelin.
Director of the Mint

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec of the Treasury,
Washington.

November 8 [illegible] 6

Dear Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint proposes to be absent for a few weeks on a visit to his former residence in Fayette County. At his request and pursuant to the 5th section of the [illegible] I have this day appointed you to act in his place during his absence.

Very respectfully,

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Robert Patterson Esqr.
Treasurer's Clerk
U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
Nov.r 4. 1856.

Sir

I will thank you to transmit at your earliest convenience, for the use of the Department a statement shewing the Gold & Silver Coinage at the Mint of the U.States, including the Branch Mints and the Assay offices at Newyork for the quarters ending 31. December 1855 and the 30 September 1856. — These Statements I received at the Department have been mislaid. And also, a statement of deposits and coinage at the Mint of the U.States Branches & Assay office during the fiscal year ending 30th of June 1856. — Similar to statement No. 9 - accompanying the Secretary's Report for the last year.

I am very Respt.

Geo. Bibb
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, November 8, 1856.

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Very respectfully,
J. R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Robert Patterson Esqr,
Treasurer & Clerk,
U. S. Mint.

Medal Stamp of Philad[a] November 1st 1858

The United States Mint -

To Geo Gardom Dr

To 24 oz Pulv Cal Ammoniac ——— 75

32 oz Pulv Purified Verdigris 14½ - 3.25

Received the above in full $4.00

Geo Gardom

Mem. Charitable Mechanic Assoc[n] Medals

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
November 7th 1856

Wm. Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer &c
Philadelphia

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of Invoice of Blanks purchased in October
Very Resp'y &c

P. L. Smith
Auditor

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
November 6th 1856

Hon Dan'l Sturgeon
Treas U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your ordinary Expense a/c for October last.

Very Resp'y &c &c

T. L. Smith
Auditor

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

$

Philadelphia, November 6th 1856

Received of Hon J. Ross Snowden Director

and said to contain
One Package of Medals (Containing 12)

MARKED Hon M. C. Perry
Care of Hon August Belmont
Banker New York

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, ____________

Insurance, ____________

FOR THE PROPRIETORS, Jno. A. Bell

Craig, Printer, 116 Chestnut St., over the Express Office.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 186

Nov. 5 6.

dear Sir,

I have received your
favor of Saturday. The former letter
on the subject of the transfer, to which
you refer, never reached me.
I design to account to the
branch mint at San Francisco
for the proceeds of these drafts.
You will please take duplicate
receipts for the disbursements you
make on account of them, and
transmit the said proceeds & me
with a statement on the subject.
It is not material that this shall
be done while the Assistants in
Phila are made by Messrs Longman
and Ford.

very Respectfully
your ob't servant,

Robert Patterson
Supt Mint Office

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Nov. 4 [illegible] 6.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of your former letter I thought that you would be permitted to purchase the [illegible] in the [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible].

On application to the [illegible] he will [illegible] to you the article in question.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director

C. J. W. [illegible]
New Brunswick
New Jersey.

I have to state for your information that I have received Official information of the appointment of Joseph A. Snyder Esqr to be Assayer of your branch of the Mint, vice, Conrad Neigaud removed.

New Brunswick, New Jersey,
6th. Nov. 1858.

Dear Sir,

By the enclosed Note, you will perceive, that Col. Snowden has accepted my offer of $1 per oz. for your fine Iridium.

Please inform me, by return of Post what amount you have on hand, and I will send you the money for the same.

I am particularly desirous of hearing from you soon, as I have already a considerable quantity on the eve of shipment, and I wish to include what I purchase of the Mint.

I remain, Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
Jos. H. Farnum.

Hon. Dan.l Sturgeon,
Treas.r U.S. M.
Philad.a

United States Assay Office
New-York, Nov 4th 1856

My dear Sir

Sometime ago I wrote you advising of the payment of $8.500 by Lenyman on a/c of his purchase of Col^a sweeps & requested to know to what credit it should be placed – I have rec^d no reply, the money was left with Mr Cisco for safe keeping – Please write me in the rect of this &

I am very truly your friend
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4 1850.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of your former letter I directed that you should be permitted to purchase the medium on the Cents Stated, and supposed you had been informed until I rec'd this morning your favor of the 1st inst.

On application to the Treasurer he will sell to you the articles in question.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director

D: J. W. Hannum
New Brunswick
New Jersey,

Treasury Department
Register's Office 3 November 1836

Sir,

Several days since I addressed you a letter requesting to be informed of the number of persons employed in the Assay Office New York, the compensation received by each, & the date of the act of Congress authorizing their employment, but as yet have not received any reply thereto. As it is desirable to have the general statements completed as early as practicable I have to request that you will furnish the information as soon as possible.

I am respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
[illegible]
Reg'r

James R. J. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

November 9. 6.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 28th ult? respecting the estimates for the Navy Office at New York, I have to state that the $2000 asked for as a deficiency is stated by the Superintendant to be required to meet the increase of Salaries authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 1st March 1806. that is to say to meet the increase reported to from the date thereof to the end of the current fiscal Year.

The following items compose the sum of $2000 as for Salaries &c.

1	Clerk in the office on 1st Jan 1807	$ 800
	Salary of Superintendant	2.000
"	" Assayer	3.000
"	" Melter & Refiner	4.000
"	" 2d Assayer	2.000
"	" " Melter & Refiner	3.000
One Clerk at		1.500
" "		2.000
" "		1.500
" "		1.800
" "		1.600
" "		1.500
		11.400
		$ 26.400

These officers assistant clerks were employed and their salaries fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury under the authority contained in the Act of March 3rd 1853 creating said office, and also under the Act of March 3rd 1857.

The estimates of contracts sent to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 27th [illegible] instant more fully the information desired as to the deficiency asked for.

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sam [illegible]

[illegible]

Hon. J. [illegible]

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington City.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
November 1st 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esqr.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penna.
Sir,

Your account of Ordinary Expenditures for the Month of September 1856, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found due the United States of $ 3.917.87

In Voucher No. 215. George Megee & Co. appears an error in your favor of $. 10. If the original is correct, the total amount should be $1482.44, instead of $1472.44.

Most Sincerely
Yours

W. Lamdin
Acting Comptroller.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
Nov. 3d 1856

Wm Daniel Sturgeon
Dr. Asst Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have this day rec'd your Copper
A/c for October 1856

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't

T. L. Smith
Auditor

Treasury Department
March 5. 1856.

Sir

The Treasurer U States has been requested to issue a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Depository at Savannah for $50.000. payable in Silver Coins -

The Depository prefers to have the amount in halves - quarters - dimes - The draft will be made payable to Adams Express Co.

I am very Respt.
Your Obt
Sec of the Treasury

A. Sturgeon Esq.
Dr. of the Mint
Philada

$20.000 ½'s
20.000 ¼'s
10.000 10's
50.

From
Sec. of Treasury
Washington

Recd
Nov. 10/56

Treasury Department
Nov! 8. 1856.

Sir

A draft has been this day issued in favor of the Ass? Treasurer at St Louis on the Treasurer of the Mint for $25.000 payable in Silver - And the Ass? Tr. at St. Louis is desirous of having the amount sent in half dimes if it can be done. The draft will be sent to Adams Espy? & Co!

I am very Resp?
Jas Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

D Steuart Esq
Treasurer Mint
Philad?.

Nov. 22. 6

Sir,

I send you a few specimens of a coin struck upon a dies prepared for the purpose, and comply very nearly with the composition suggested in my last Communication to you.

If the proposed Law is passed I will communicate with you more fully on the subject, and submit to your decision the selection of the dies for the Coinage.

I have the honour to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

November 1. 1851

Sir

Your letter of the 31 ult° is received, containing Assay memorandum of Silver bullion transmitted on the 28th.

Also by the Adams Express Company, Silver Coins in payment thereof, to the amount of $ 26.555.84 and the same placed to your Credit.

Very Resp'y
Your Ob't Ser't

Jn°. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas' U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Geo. Megee & Co.
Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,
PHILADELPHIA.
Manufacture to order every kind of
STILL OR VESSEL,
REQUIRED BY
Grain, Turpentine and other Distillers,
Sugar Refiners, Brewers, etc.
AND
Bath Boilers and Heaters, Dying Kettles,
Mineral Water Fountains,
Copper Work for Steam
Engines, Factories, &c. &c.

GEORGE MEGEE.
SAMUEL CARTER.

Philadelphia Nov 1st 1856

Mess Supervisors of the Mint of the U.S.

To **GEO. MEGEE & CO.**, Dr.,

Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,

above Third, between Race and Vine.

Duplicate

To Copper for "Mint Charitable Mechanic Institution" Medals 27th inst. $8.00

Nov 15th Received Payment
Geo. Megee & Co

Geo. Megee & Co.
Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,
PHILADELPHIA.
Manufacture to order every kind of
STILL OR VESSEL,
REQUIRED BY
Grain, Turpentine and other Distillers,
Sugar Refiners, Brewers, etc.
&c. &c.
Bath Boilers and Heaters, Dying Kettles,
Mineral Water Fountains,
Copper Work for Steam
Engines, Factories, &c. &c.

GEORGE MEGEE.
SAMUEL H. CARTER.

Philadelphia Novr 1st 1856

Medal Item of the Mint of the U. S.

To **GEO. MEGEE & CO.**, Dr.,

Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,

above Third, between Race and Vine.

To Copper for "Bronze Medals" Medals 5th Struck $2.00

Duplicate

Received Payment Nov 1st 56
George Megee

New Brunswick, New Jersey,
1st Nov. 1856.

Dear Sir,

Your favour of the 22nd. ulto., stating that you would dispose of the fine grains of Indium, in the hands of the Executors of the Min, to me, @ 1 Dr. provided I wanted the same for exportation, and would assure you, that, under no circumstances, it would be placed in hands, where it would be inspected, was duly received.

I, immediately replied, pledging myself to the required conditions, and stating that, if you would inform me of the amt. I would transmit the money for the same.

As I have received no reply, I fear my Letter may never have reached its destination.

I have therefore taken the liberty of again addressing you.

Another reason is the circumstance

that I have a large quantity ready
for Shipment by next Steamer, and
I am desirous of knowing what I
may charge you in the same Shipment.

I remain, Respectfully
Your Obed't Sv't.
Jon. H. Freeman.

Col. James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Phila.

Boston Nov. 1. 1856

J. R. Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint. Philadelphia. Pa.

Dear Sir

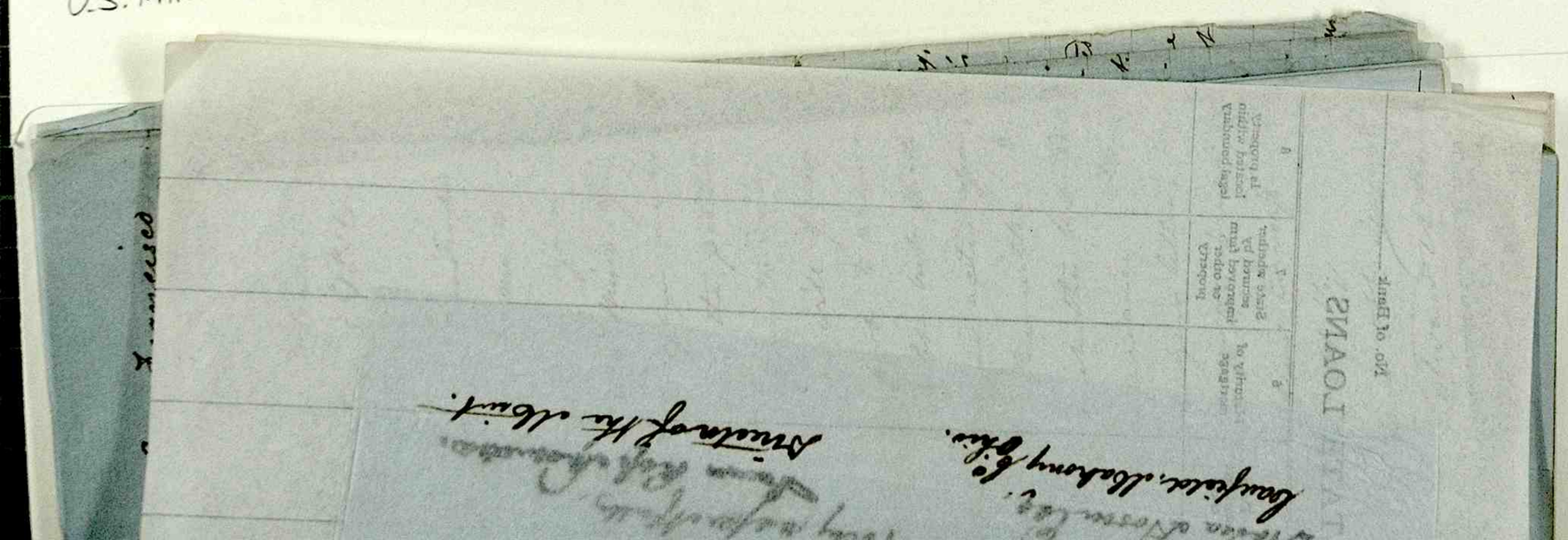
Remembering ~~and~~ relying upon (and thanking you for) your kindness in furnishing information to the American Almanac in former years, I enclose herewith to you the list of officers of the Mint and Branches and the Assay Office in New York? Will you be kind enough to make the necessary corrections and additions so that the list shall be correct as of today, and return the same to me, at your early convenience? Will you also be kind enough to send me for the use of the Almanac a copy of your last Annual Report? I send also on another page the skeleton of a note like that at the foot of page 217 of the Almanac of 1856, which when filled up will bring the general operations of the mint down to a later date than that of your last annual report. Will you be kind enough to have the blanks filled up and the note returned to me?

If you have made any special report in regard to the Coinage, or to Foreign Coins, I should be glad of a copy for the use of the Almanac.

I am, Very truly, Your obt & oblige servt. Geo. P. Sanger
Ed. Am. Almanac

List corrected & Note filled up & transmitted
also sent Mr Sanger this day a copy of Dir. Annual Report

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/DECEMBER



Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.
Boston, Dec 6 1856

Dear Sir

We are constantly called on by persons acting for the new 3 cent. I note the Sec'y of the Treasury, and he answered that no authority had been given to issue them. Our papers have insist that they have been made and are making orders at the mint. Have they been made? if so are they ready for issue?

Your Ob't Ser't

Thomas P. Brand
Assistant Treas'r
U. S. Boston

Hon J. R. Snowden
Supt of the Mint
Pa.

December 6.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. The bill providing for the issue of a new coin, and for the withdrawal of the old coin, and of the worn and defaced fractions of the dollar — passed the Senate at an early period of the last Session of Congress; when it reached the House of Representatives it was referred to the Committee of ways and Means that that Committee failed to report it to the House, consequently it has not become a law. In the mean time, and indeed for some years past, I have been investigating the question as to the proper alloy, or composition of Metals, which would be the most suitable for the Cent Coinage, and have caused some specimens of different alloys to be struck.

the combination which I have recommended for the cent and is very little more valuable than 88 of Copper. This will enable us to give the public a cent of 72 grains weight, instead of 168 grains the weight of the present cent. It will not become foul and black like the copper cent now is offensive to the sense of smell. It will maintain its color and, having a good red tinge, will not be easily mistaken for the other coinage, namely, gold and silver. When the bill becomes a law — of which I have great hopes at the present session — the fixing of the devices and design for the dies will be ~~[illegible]~~ submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I may add that the bill in question proposes that the Mint will pay the ~~cost~~ expenses of transportation of the old cents and the delivery of the new. So that our fellow citizens of Boston, of New York, of Baltimore, Cincinnati &c. will be on equal terms. It is also proposed to exchange

.. been made for the purchase of the dollar by
Weights at the nominal value of these
new coins. They, it is to be hoped, will bring
them to the melting-pot and aid in freeing
this miserable currency.

I have replied somewhat fully to your
inquiries because I wish not only to
give you information on the subject,
but because I would be pleased to have
your aid in the passage of the law
in question.

I send you a specimen — which shows
the appearance of the metal proposed to
be used and the size and weight
of the coin.

I am, very respectfully
your obt servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Ithamar W. Beard Esq.
Asst Treasurer U.S.
Boston, Mass.

December 31. 6.

Sir:

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of this days business, exhibits the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer viz:

In Gold Coins	$1,333,960.92
" Silver	663,608.67
" Minor Coin	13,792.77
Copper Coins	2,375.31
Total	$2,013,743.67

which amount corresponds with the balance stated upon the books of account in his office.

The balance in the hands of the Ass^t. Treasurer of the U. States at the same time, was $556234.00 in Gold and Silver coin, agreeing with that Officer's books of Account.

The examination into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the business of

execution of contracts with fidelity and care; and
a proper attention alike to the interests of the
Government and the public.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Rumsey Anderson
Director of Mint.

Hon James Pleasants,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

1 December 1846.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a Statement exhibiting the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint during the Month ending to day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servt
Samuel Ralston Roberts.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Samuel Southard,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U. S. Mint

To Peter Rodgers Dr.

To 2 new Keys to mortice Locks .75

Philada. Dec. 29th 1855

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasury Department,

December 30 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th inst.

Also by the Adams Express Co. $45 218.10 in Silver Coins, and have placed the same to your Credit.

Very Respectfully Yours

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

John J Cisco
Treasurer

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 27. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. inclosing assay memo of Silver forwarded on the 19th. also by the Adams Express Co. of Ten Thousand dollars in dimes in pc of invoice No 77. which I have placed to your credit.

In relation to the balance remaining unsettled, I have no objection to receive a portion in Quarter dollars; but I shall feel obliged if you will remit as large an Amount in dimes as possible; as that denomination is required in payment for all Silver purchases.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

J. Wm. J. Ellco
Treasurer

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
December 29th 1856.

Daniel Stingeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.
Sir.

Be pleased to furnish this Office with J. B. Newton's authority for receipting as Attorney for Sharpe Leisenring & Co. Voucher No. 240. in your Ordinary Expense account for October 1856. It is desirable that a Power of Attorney should be filed with the Voucher in all cases, that we may be warranted in passing a receipt like the above.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Dec 3 [illegible] 6.

Gentlemen:

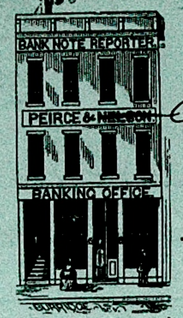
As requested in your letter of the 26th inst. I send you herewith two specimens of the proposed cent. It is composed of 88 per cent. Copper and 12 per cent. Nickel and weighs 72 grains. The present cent weighs 168 grains. It is quite evident that in size, weight, appearance and color the ^proposed cent^ [illegible] has many advantages over the present one. Besides, it will maintain its color very well, and is not offensive to the smell.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Pierce & Co.
Bankers
Cleveland Ohio

MILTON P. PEIRCE.....JOSIAH D. NELSON.



OFFICE,
6 BANK STREET.

BANKING HOUSE,

OF

PEIRCE and ~~NELSON,~~ Co,

Co,

PUBLISHERS OF THE

CLEVELAND BANK NOTE REPORTER,

DEALERS IN

COIN, EXCHANGE, UNCURRENT MONEY, LAND WARRANTS. &c.

Collections promptly attended to, and Remittances made at Current Rates of Exchange,

Cleveland, O. Dec. 26th 1856.

S. R. Snowden Esqr

Dear Sir

We notice by our New York Exchanges that the "New Yorkers" have some Specimens of your proposed New Cent Coin —

If you will permit us we will endeavor to use it to the best possible advantage in bringing the subject prominently before the Representatives in Congress from this Vicinity

Yours truly

Peirce & Co.

Taunton Dec 26. 1836.

Hon. Danl. Sturgeon.

Treas: U. S. Mint.

Sir.

Enclosed is bill of 21 kegs planchets, forwarded by Express —

I remain.

Yours. Very Resp^y.

Crocker Bro^s. & Co.

[illegible] the aid of money from the Treasury. To secure this amount in addition to the present [illegible] [illegible] charge, of [illegible] thousand [illegible] would be sufficient, making the whole charge [illegible] instead of [illegible] as at present. In this estimate it is, of course, supposed that the present amount of gold bullion will continue to be received.

Permit me to remark, however, that there would seem an injustice in throwing the whole expenses of the Mint on a special class of depositors, those who bring gold bullion. It is of course proper that they should bear a fair proportion, and this they already do, under the 14th section of the Mint Act of 1837. If it were adopted as a principle that those who avail themselves of the Mint should submit to such charges as defray the necessary expenses required (certainly a very just principle) then, in addition to the charges already authorized by law & in the 14th section, other expenses [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bullion is deposited [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

this percentage deducted from the value of the deposit to cover such expenses, other than those already defined in the section of law referred to. A small percentage for coinage would have an incidental advantage in giving to the metal as coin a somewhat greater value than it possessed as bullion, so that the tendency to export our coins would be somewhat checked.

This whole subject is, of course, one of great importance, and the late hour at which your note was received, with a desire that my reply should be sent this evening, preclude me from entering upon it now. If it be your desire to introduce the self-supporting system into the Mint establishments I should take great pleasure to aid your inquiries by any means in my power.

Very respectfully
Geo. N. Eckert
Director

[illegible] Esq.

Boston Dec. 26th 1856

James Wolf Snowden, Esq.

Dear Sir.

I this day forward to you by Adams Express, 172 Copper Medals to be Bronzed. Have the kindness to attend to the matter as soon as may be, & return them to me by same conveyance at an early day, as the parties for whom they are designed are getting impatient.

Yours truly

Ormsbee Brewster, Treas.

G. K. Hanover

W. J/R

D. Lee 24th Dec 57

I have reported from the Com. of Ways & Means the Coinage Bill.

We strike out the last sentence of 1st Sect. S. Bill

Strike out 3d Sect.

Strike out 5th Sect & restore the 5th Sect. as printed in S. Bill.

In 6th Sect. insert before "Secty" — "Secretary of the Treasury with the approval of"

In 7th Sect. after second exchange in 2d line strike out to end of 4th line & insert

"any of the gold and silver coins of the U.S."

Strike out Provided & insert "And it shall be accepted &c as stated in endorsement

In 9th Sect strike out "Superintendent" & insert "Director"

The bill & amendments are ordered to be printed & further consideration postponed & the day this weeks.

Thank you for the

Specimens of the new cent you sent me

Have last one of them to day

Please send a few more.

Yours truly
John S. Phelps

I leave to day for N. York & return on Monday morning next.

Col. J. Ross Snowden
Director of Mint
Phila
Pa

Phila
Dec 25th 54

Dear Sir

Reached here in part 1
A.M. - Must leave for N.Y.
early this morning or I would call
to see you.

The cent coins you sent me
were much admired in the House
& I think you have got up just
the thing needed.

If you have not sent any
of those coins & the Secty of the
Treasy send some immediately.

I trust that Congress will adopt
adopted under the power for the Coin
of Nos & Cts. purpose.

Yours truly
John F. Phelps

Col. J Ross Snowden
Phila

Dec. 29 1854

Sir,

Your favor of the 24th inst. respecting the [illegible] for certain foreign gold coin & old silver coin, is received. Enclosed I have [illegible] a circular with a memorandum attached, giving the information you desire.

Very respectfully,
S. R. Mandell.
Director of the Mint.

C. Clapp Esq.
President Huntsville Bank,
Huntsville,
Ala.

DECEMBER 24TH 1854

STATE LOANS

No. of Bonds

Stock Security Bank
Danville Ills, Dec 24/56

James Pop Snowden, Director of Mint, Phil.
Dear Sir

Will you plese inform me, by letter at your earliest convenince, at what rate foreign coined gold and old coined silver will be received, by the mint, to be paid in half Dollars, quarter Dollars, dimes and half dimes to wit:

Gold,
- Victoria Sovereigns
- other Sovereigns (English)
- 20 Franc pieces
- 10 Thalers
- 10 Guilders

Silver
- 1/2 Dollars U.S. dated prior to 1852
- 1/4 " " " " " " "
- Spanish "
- Mexican "
- 5 Franc pieces
- Thalers

Please also inform me how packages should be directed, (ie) to whom so as to reach the mint, of which you are a Director, so as to effect a change of this kind

Yours respty

J. Clapp Pres.

Bank of Commerce
Baltimore Dec 20, 1856.

To the Treasurer of the
United States Mint,
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

In our City we find the Copper Coin to be scarce with the Banks, We have made several applications for Cents through our Philadelphia correspondents without success— Be pleased to advise when the new Cents will be ready for distribution, and in case of this probability of this not being issued shortly, whether or no the Coinage of the old Cents will be resumed and when

Very Respectfully
James W. Thistle
President

Taunton Dec.r 22. 1856

Hon.l Dan.l Sturgeon.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

We have rec.d your favor of the 19th inst., & annexed two bills of the 1/2 cent planchets — You will please forward the 1/2 cents, which we are to receive, to Messrs. Willets & Co. N. York.

The S. L. Crocker met with an accident after sailing hence, but we believe she repaired, & hope she will soon deliver the 18 kegs planchets shipped by her —

We intend to send 10 kegs more, by Express within a few days.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Crocker Bro.s & Co.

New York 20 Dec 1837

Hon: James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Dear Sir

I have put a few medals on
strips, which if you think worth
while, can be included in the foreign
medal cases at the Mint
I merely send these few at present
as specimens of the plan of arranging
Electrotype copies so as to suit your
cases. I probably drawers or thin trays
would be more compact.
I have also taken the liberty of
suggesting an arrangement of the
descriptive catalogue, with at least
4. Indices. for the convenience of
those who wish instruction. & I
would suggest that a history of each
artist as far as practicable be

added in the End of the Book

I am Dr Sir

Yours respectfully

E. D. Woolsey

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 19. 1854

Sir

As per receipt & statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted in the usual manner, nine boxes of Silver Bullion, of the net value @ $1.22½ pr Oz Standard of $20,749.82 The receipt of which please acknowledge and remit in payment, the entire amount in dimes.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Svt.

Daniel Stimpson Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 79 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Box containing ..... Gold Bullion,

Nine " " 16,949.44 Oz. Silver "

Parcel " .....

Amounting in Net value to $ 20,749.82

Twenty Thousand Seven hundred &

forty nine 82/100 dollars.

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at ..... Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 19 1856

For Adams Express Co. J. Babcock

No. 79.

Eighty Six Bars Silver Bullion transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John S. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office New York.

Nos.	Pieces	Weight Ounces	dec.	Fineness	Nos.	Pieces	Weight Ounces	dec.	Fineness	
345	5	995	29	901½	355	5	998	37	900½	Stand'd. Weight
6	5	1009	19	901½	6	5	988	03	901½	Ounces dec.
7	5	1013	55	901½	7	5	998	20	901	16938.63
8	5	921	11	901½	8	5	1000	64	901	@ $1.22½ per Oz.
9	5	996	58	901	9	5	997	18	902	$20,749.82
350	5	998	18	901½	360	5	981	93	902	Dec. 19. 1856.
1	5	996	75	901½	1	1	114	03	888½	
2	5	989	19	900½	2	5	957	98	870	86 Bars
3	5	997	17	901						# 44@52.
4	5	996	07	901			16949	44		

Chiefly tin, with a proportion
of lead —
most probably an artificial mixture —

about one quarter of lead

Hon I Ross Browden
Superintendent of the Mint Phila
Dear Sir, Two bars of metal have
been given me by an old man
a respectable citizen of Clarion County, with
the request that I would forward the same
to you for testing and examination at the
Mint; he says that there is thousands of the
State from which this has been smelted
and thinks there should prove anything of
value therein; it would assist a poor old
feeble man in his declining years, he being
now near eighty years old, and a laboring
man. Anything you could do in the matter
would be thankfully repaid in kindness & also in
the fees and necessary cost connected therewith
Please communicate any of the results of
your investigating to me at Clarion Clarion Co.
Pa — and I am Dear Sir &c &c
Truly Yours
Seth Clover

December 17 6.

Dear General:

Your letter, without date, was handed to me a few days ago by our mutual friend Mr. A. P. Whitaker with the metal which was placed in his charge.

I have caused it to be analysed and find it to be composed as follows: about 82 per cent. tin and the balance lead. It is most probably an artificial mixture and not the natural result of the "Slate" to which you refer. But if I am furnished with some specimens of the Slate then I could give a [illegible] decided opinion. These investigations are not appropriately mint matters, but I cannot refuse your request, as it may, if with benefit, at least give information to the old citizen on whose behalf you wrote to me.

Genl. Seth Clover

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Truly Yours
Seth Clover

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 18. 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 17th enclosing assay memorandum of Silver bullion, transmitted on the 10th inst. is received.

Also by the Adams Express Co. in Silver Coins $37,907.85 in payment for the same, with which your a/c has been duly credited

Very Respectfully

Jamil Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

John J. Cisco
Treasurer.

Rochester N.J. Dec. 16th 1856

To The Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir!

I have heretofore sold what scattered odd Silver I got to our Jewellers at a small Premium. Once when I was about preparing a small lot to carry off I was advised by an Old Merchant of a large City to send such hereafter to the U. S. Mint to have it made into U. S. Quarter & Halfs - This I thought my self of long ago but did not know that the U. S. Mint would do so, I of coarse must rather have Silver made into Quarters & Halfs than to have it made into Spoons or forigen Coin. To this effect I have saved with in two Months about $100. of odd Silver by which I will try to make the first Experiment to send as advised - by Express to have it made in to U. S. Quarter & Halfs. Returns may be made in any Way Customary.

Waiting Your advice I sign

Very Respectfully &
Truly Yours
Geo C Maurer

Philadelphia Decr 16th 1856

M^rs. U.S. Branch Mint San Francisco

To MORGAN & ORR Dr.,

Iron Founders, Steam Engine Builders

AND GENERAL MACHINISTS,

No. 461 CALLOWHILL STREET, above 12th,
North Side.

To 4 Pair Pinion Wheels for Vaulting Rolls @ 75^{00}	$	300 00

Rec^d payment
Morgan & Orr
per Neill

Duplicate

Dec. 16th 6.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 15th inst enclosing communications from the Superintendent and from the Assayer of the New-York office Assay office.

I think it quite desirable that Prof. M'Culloh's process of refining should be tested at the Assay office on the condition stated by Dr. Torrey, namely that it be made "without interfering with the operations of that office, and without risk of loss".

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury.

Philadelphia Dec 15th 1851

United States Branch Mint at Calafornia Dr

To John W Henry

Dec 6 To 6½ dz of die Boyes 75 ⁄ 4 62½

Received Payment

John W. Henry

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
December 16th 1856.

Daniel Stingeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia, Penn.
Sir.

Your account of Copper Coinage for the months of September and October 1856. has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found due from you to the United States of $711.21.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Clarke Whittlesey
Comptroller.

United States Assay Office
New York, Dec. 15, 1856.

Sir,

The premium allowed at this Office on silver contained in gold deposits is 4 per cent. At the Mint I understand it is 5¼ per cent. I think that this difference ought no longer to exist, & for the following reasons:

1. The 14th Section of the Act establishing this Office seems clearly to contemplate that deposits shall be received at this Office on the same conditions as at the Mint. We are frequently reminded of this by depositors; and it is a question worthy of consideration in this connection whether such depositors have not a legal claim upon the Government for the difference of 1¼ per cent. on all past deposits of silver contained in gold.

2. This Office has recently been authorized to purchase silver at $1.22½ cts. per oz. standard, which is equivalent to 5¼ per cent. premium upon the Mint value of standard silver. The effect of the existing regulation

therefore is to compel one class of our depositors to sell their silver for 1½ per cent. less than we pay to another class.

3. Those of our depositors who are engaged in the manufacture of jewelry, plate, &c. would regard even the premium of 5½ per cent. as less advantageous to them than to be paid the par value of their silver in dollars. They state that they are frequently obliged to pay 6 and 7 per cent. premium for silver in the market. I am informed that Platt Brothers charge for fine silver $1.42 per oz., which is equivalent to 10 per cent. premium on its Mint value.

If the above considerations should satisfy you that the change of premium ought to be made, I respectfully suggest that it be prescribed immediately to take effect at the beginning of the new year.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 16th 18

Sir,

I concur in the views submitted in your letter of yesterday, and you are authorized to buy for the Silver Market from the 1st prox. on the same terms that it is now offered for Coinage, namely at the rate of 122½ cents per Standard ounce.

This direction may take effect on the 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.
James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Sam F. Butterworth Esq
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Roxbury Mass.
Dec. 16th 1856.

Dear Sir.

I should like to obtain one of the new cents. could you furnish me with one, and oblige

Very Respectfully -
Your Ob. Servt.
Rawlins T. Atkins.

To

J. R. A. Snowden Esq
Asst. Sec. Mint
Philadelphia

Dec. 18, 6.

Sir,

Your favor of the 16th inst. is received. A bill providing for the coinage of a new cent passed the Senate at the last session of Congress, but was not acted upon by the House of Representatives. It is hoped however, that the bill will become a law during the present session of Congress, & if so, we shall then be prepared to issue the new cent. Enclosed I send You a Specimen of the proposed new coin. This is the size and weight of the new piece, and is composed of the alloy I have adopted for the same.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Saml. Ralph Chandler
Director of the Mint

Enclosed Attkins & Co.
Roxbury, Mass.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 15. 1856

Sir

Herewith you have receipt of The Adams Express Comp. together with my statement of twelve boxes, containing 121 bars Fine Silver. The net value of which @ $ 1.22½ pr Oz Standard, is $ 33,787.93

I will Thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same and remit in payment as follows.

Half dollars	$ 5,000.	
Quarters	15,000.	
dimes	10,000.	
Half	3,787.93	
		$ 33,787.93

Very Respt Y
Your Ob. Servant

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Jno. J. Cisco
Treasurer.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 78

Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Box containing ____ Gold Bullion,

Twelve " " 24879.95 Cts Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 33787.93

Thirty three Thousand Seven hundred &

Eighty Seven 93/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at

Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 15 1856

For Adams Express Co. J. Babcock

Treasury Department
Dec. 15. 1856.

Sir

The enclosed letters are submitted for your perusal. Be pleased to say whether, in your opinion it is desirable that the proposed experiment be tried.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada.

United States Assay Office
New York, Dec 11th 1856

Sir

I enclose a letter from the Assayer of this office in relation to expediency of testing Prof. McCulloh's process for refining. Dr Torrey thinks that an operation on a small scale would give results that would enable us to decide whether or not it could be introduced at this office, and advantageously used; he states that such a test experiment can be made without any interference with the ordinary operations of the office, without risk of loss, and advises that the process be subjected to the test of actual trial. I think the experiment should be made & ask authority therefor.

I am with great respect
Your ob't Serv't
Wm. T. Buttersworth
Supt

Hon'd
Jas. Guthrie
Sec'y Treas'y

U. S. Assay Office
New York, Dec. 10th 1856

S. F. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent &c

Dear Sir. I have received your communication enclosing remarks by Mr. Kent on the Zinc-refining process of Prof. Mc. Culloh. Mr. Kent has exercised his well known caution & fairness in pointing out the advantages & disadvantages of the process alluded to, but I think it desirable to submit it to the test of actual trial in this Office. An operation on a small scale first, would give results that would show whether or not it would be advantageous to proceed further. I believe that such an experiment could be made

without interfering with the operations
of our establishment, & without risk of
loss.

I am, Sir
Your obed.t Servant
John Torrey

No. 78.

One hundred & twenty one Bars Fine Silver Bullion transmitted to the U. S. Mint for coinage, pursuant to the Act of March 1853, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office New York.

1856
Dec. 15. Twelve Boxes #32@43, containing

			Ounces dec	
Nos. 105. 106.	20 bars	weight	4138.80	@ 997½ f.
" 107. 108. 110.	29 "	"	5986.44	" 998½ f.
" 111. 112. 113.	36 "	"	7403.85	" 997½ f
" 114.	12 "	"	2514.26	" 998 f
" 115.	12 "	"	2409.90	" 997½ f
" 116.	12 "	"	2426.70	" 997 f

2487.95 = 2487.95

Stand'd. Wt. Ounces dec.
= 27.581.98

Gross Value $32.095.39

27.581.98 Stand ounces @ $1.22½ = $33.787.93
Payable in Silver coins.

United States Assay Office
New-York, Dec. 13, 1856.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of the operations of this Office for the month of November.

Very respectfully,
your obt. servt.,
Sam'l. J. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 13. 1851

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. also of Five Thousand dollars in dimes; which amount satisfies the draft on you No 3417. for $100,000.

A further Shipment of Silver bullion, will be made on Monday.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Servt

Daniel Stinguen Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer.

No. 77.

One hundred & forty nine Bars Silver Bullion transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, pursuant to the Act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. States Assay Office, New York.

Nos.	Pieces.	Weight Ounces	dec.	Fineness	Nos.	Pieces	Weight Ounces	dec.	Fineness	
312	5	874	90	901	329	1	187	92	825½	
3	5	875	48	901	330	2	216	33	730	Stand. Weight-
4	5	873	34	901	1	5	999	80	901	Ounces dec.
5	5	875	46	899½	2	5	998	86	901	25,649.42
6	5	873	24	901½	3	5	1000	18	901	payable in
7	5	878	28	901	4	5	997	09	901	Silver coins
8	5	874	80	901	5	5	999	33	901	@ $ 1.22½ pr Stg
9	5	872	18	901	6	5	1000	02	901	
320	5	864	42	901½	7	6	1000	66	900½	Value $ 31,420.54
1	5	868	28	900½	8	6	1135	82	900	
2	5	1011	20	900½	9	6	1151	85	894	Dec. 11. 1856.
3	4	732	68	482	340	1	83	63	895½	
4	5	766	90	478½	1	1	157	49	814½	
5	5	843	49	901	2	5	872	34	901½	
6	5	850	75	901	3	6	1050	75	751½	
7	5	887	17	880½	4	3	448	56	898	
8	3	480	75	896½			12300	63		
		14303	32				14303	32		
							26603	95		
							26602	99		
								96		

Louisville Ky
Dec 11th 1856

Mr Snowden

Dear Sir
I wish to ask of you a favor, namely to send me one hundred dollars worth of pure silver for which I enclose you a check — Should it not be convenient to send that amount precisely, I ask forward immediately whatever may be the additional cost of the bar — please send by Adams express let them know that it is billed —

yours very respectfully
Laurence Smith

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Dec. 19. 1856.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 11th inst. enclosing check for $100 and desiring that amount sent to you in pure silver was duly received. In compliance with your request a fine Silver bar (No 29) weighing 3.763 ozs @ $\frac{994}{1000}$ fine, being 54.92 Standard oz: of the value of $99.67, including Mint charge of one cent pr oz Standard, has been sent to You this day per. Adams & Express Co. whose receipt therefor is enclosed herewith. The excess of draft over bar & charge 33 cts is returned with the bar.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

J. Lawrence Smith Esq
Louisville
Ky.

Depositarys Office at
Detroit December 11. 1856

Sir

The $50.000. in Silver coin mentioned in your letter of the 5th instant was received yesterday from the Express Co.

The Boxes have been emptied and to-day were re-delivered to the Express Co. to be returned to you. 50 small Boxes. inclosed in 7 large ones.

Very Respectfully
Elisha Taylor
Depositary

To the Treasr of the
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 11. 1856

Sir

As advised in your letter of the 10th inst, I am in receipt of Fifteen Thousand dollars on a/c of Treasury draft № 3417.

Enclosed you have receipt and my Statement of fifteen boxes of Silver Bullion, of the net value @ $ 1.22½ pr Standard ounce $ 31.420.54

Pleas acknowledge the receipt of the same and remit the amount in dimes as early as convenient.

Very Respectfully
Ayer Ob. Svt.

Daniel Strieker Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 11. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing ..... Gold Bullion,
Fifteen " " 26,603.95 Ozs. Silver "
Parcel " .....

Amounting in Net value to $ 31,420.54

Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred &
twenty dollars 54/100

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 11 1851

For Adams Express Co.

No. 76.

One Hundred & Sixty two Bars Silver Bullion transmitted to the U.S. Mint for coinage, pursuant to the Act of March 1855. by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, N.Y.

Nos.	Pieces	Weight Ounces	dec	Fineness	Nos.	Pieces	Weight Ounces	dec	Fineness	
277	4	834	25	900½	295	5	996	18	900	
8	5	853	51	900½	6	5	986	52	900	Stand. Weight ounces dec.
9	5	853	30	901	7	5	997	85	900	30,933.38
280	5	852	97	901	8	5	998	28	901	payable in
1	5	853	78	901	9	5	998	05	900	Silver coins
2	5	857	32	901	300	5	987	20	900½	@ $ 1.22½ pr. St. oz.
3	5	830	81	901	1	5	997	90	900½	
4	4	634	07	868	2	5	995	25	900½	Value $ 37.893.39.
5	5	996	15	900	3	5	997	33	901	
6	5	993	50	901	4	5	985	02	900½	Dec. 10. 1856.
7	5	993	10	900	5	5	997	59	900½	
8	5	983	47	900½	6	5	996	32	900½	
9	5	997	38	900½	7	5	978	88	901	
290	5	996	53	901	8	5	987	65	900	
1	5	998	40	900½	9	2	267	78	978½	
2	5	991	15	899	310	1	120	98	770½	
3	5	995	00	900	1	1	155	60	773½	
4	5	997	73	900			14444	38		
		16512	42				16512	42		
							30956	80		

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 11. 1856

Sir

Th[e] receipt & Statement enclosed I have this day forwarded by the Adams Exp[ress] Comp[an]y. Sixteen boxes containing 162 Fine Silver bars, Weighing gross 30,956.80 Ozs. and amounting in Nat Value @ $1.12½ p[er] St. Oz. to $37,893.39 The receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge, and remit in payment the entire amount in dimes, at your earliest convenience.

Very Resp[ec]t[fu]l
Your Ob[edien]t Serv[an]t

Daniel St[r]ingum Esq
Treas[urer] U. S. Mint
Phil[a]

J. Thos. Jr. Olco
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 76 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Box containing .... Gold Bullion,

Sixteen " " 30956.80 Ozs. Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 37,893.39

Thirty seven thousand eight hundred & ninety three 39/100 dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 10 1856

For Adams Express Co J. H. Babcock

Dec. 10 6.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the question presented by you to me this morning, and find that the results mentioned in the Assay Memorandum are usual and satisfactory. I may remark to you that if our old half dollars are purchased by Count it must be borne in mind that they have cost at least five dollars per thousand by wear, and then the loss by re-melting - a little over one dollar per thousand - added to that will make near $\frac{2}{3}$ of one per cent. diminution as compared with the original standard weight. In the case you present to me the result of 895½ thousandths fine has been ascertained from two trials, agreeably to our usual practice, and is a fair average fineness of a mixed lot of the two standards of $\frac{892\frac{1}{2}}{1000}$ and $\frac{900}{1000}$ ths.

The first named fineness ($892\frac{1}{2}$) was established by the act of Congress passed 2d April 1792 and was maintained until the end of the year 1836 — the present standard ($\frac{900}{1000}$ the Commencd in 1837, pursuant to the act of Jan. 18. 1837. You will readily perceive that a lot of the two standards Combined or mixed will readily produce an alloy of $895\frac{1}{2}$ for the whole as stated in the memorandum you handed me — which is herewith enclosed.

I am, with great respect
Your Obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

M. Drexel
Banker.
Philad.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 9th 1851

Sir

I am in receipt of Ten Thousand dollars, by the Adams Express Comp'y, as advised in your letter of the 8th inst. in p/c of Treasury draft No. 3417.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't.

Wm. J. Olcott
Treasurer.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
First auditor's office
December 1st 1856

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day sent you
ordinary Qr for November 1856.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Svt

J. L. Smith
Auditor

Taunton Dec 8. 56.

Wm. Dan Stimpson.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir -

We have
rec'd. your favor of the 5th Inst.
with draft for $1826.81 on
Wash, for an invoice of
Copper planchets - as stated.

The 3 cent planchets,
we will forward, as proposed.

Yours Very Respy.

Crocker Bro. & Co

Dec. 6th 6.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the request of the last Board of Commissioners for the annual assay of the Mint & Standard coins deposited which I propose to submit to you and the other ex-officio members of the board. I have spoken to Messrs Brown & Vandyke on the subject and they state they could attend at the Mint at any time I might designate. But before fixing the time for meeting I have deemed it proper to consult you as to the day and hour which will suit best your convenience. Will you please indicate this to me?

No. of Bank

LIST OF REAL ESTATE LOANS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Name of borrower	Amount of loan	Note flag	Estimated value of property	Date mortgage taken	Maturity of mortgage	State whether renewal or extension of loan or sale of property	Is mortgage secured within legal borrowing

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 6. 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst.

Also by the Adams Express Company, of Twenty Thousand dollars in Eagles, on account of Transfer draft N° 3417. I shall be glad to have the balance as early as possible.

Very Resp'y
Your Ob't Serv't

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treas'r U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Treasury Department
First Auditor's office
December 6th 1856

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

I have this day rec'd your
Letter of 4th of November 1856.

Very Respectfully
your obt Svt

S. L. Smith
Auditor

Canfield Mahoning co. Ohio.
Dec 5th 1856

Superintendant U. S. Mint.

Dear sir permit me to interogate you, as to the value of silver at the mint. Dated prior to 1853. also what these smooth Lenies & quarters are worth (I mean the 9rs with Ellas) & how they could be exchanged for new coin Gold or silver. & how three cent pices count Some say their is a proffit in them by geting a quantity. how is it? Please say what Five frank pices are worth. Also Mexican dollars. & Silver coin in general Also what would be the express charges &c from Salem O. on the C. P. R. R. & what risk their would be in sending &c.
I am Co Treasurer of this (Mahoning) Co & could save a good pile of such money as I enquire about if I could make it pay Please answer this letter and much oblige Your humble Servant

Hosea Hoover.

P. S. Can the new cents be had & how

H. H.

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Dec. 10, 1856.

Sir.

The enclosed circular presents the information requested in Your favor of the 8th inst. respecting the price paid for various kinds of old Silver Coin, at the Mint.

You can ascertain the cost of sending coin from Your place to this City, from an Agent of one of the Express Companies. There is no risk attending the sending of Coin by an Express provided the same is responsible, and care is taken to get a receipt for the Coin.

A bill providing for the coinage of a new Cent-piece passed the Senate at the last Session of Congress, but was not acted upon by the House of Representatives. It is hoped however that the bill will become a law during the present Session of Congress, and if so, I shall be prepared to issue a light and handsome new Cent Coin in the place of the unsightly and inconvenient Cent-piece now in circulation.

Very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hosea Hoover Esq.
Canfield, Mahoning Co. Ohio.

United States Assay Office
New York Dec 5th 1856

Sir,

I beg leave to present for your consideration a petition to Congress for compensation to me, as the Inventor of the apparatus which by your kindness has been introduced into the Mint of the United States; and to solicit your aid in my behalf. I design to forward the petition together with the letter from the Superintendent which I enclose to you, and if you will favor me with a letter of similar import, to accompany the petition, have no doubt but that my petition will be received and acted upon, and when it comes before the Committee, I must then be prepared to submit the best testimony I can obtain, for their guidance. Please return the enclosed papers, with your letter, so that I can attach them together, to the pamphlet containing the description and Official Correspondence.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Edward R Kent

Hon. I. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. to my communication of the 15th October 1858 to Mr. Butterworth, the Superintendent of the Assay office at New York, I expressed an opinion highly favorable to the introduction of your improved apparatus for separating gold and silver, into the Minting establishment of the United States. My expectations have since been fully realized. Since last Spring we have had your excellent apparatus in constant use at the Mint of the United States, and, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, it will be used by the branch mints at San Francisco and New Orleans. The apparatus for these institutions being now in the course of construction.

I regard the process you have

Baltimore Dec. 5. 1866.

To the Superintend of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir!

On the 1 day of December I deposited in the Mint for Coinage 144 oz of Gold Dust. more or lef. for which I hold a Mint Certificate No. 1233. At the time I asked how long it would be, before I could get the Coin. and it was told me, in from 3 to 5 days. I left my Certificate with Adams Co. to send the same to me. and by enquiring at their Office here, they tell me, that I could not get my Coin in from 2 to 3 weeks. Now Sir, I like to know, how it can take the Mint from 2 to 3 weeks, to coin. Do you suppose, that you will get many Customer from California to get their Dust coined by you. I generally see my Coin in San Francisco

in 3 days. and here it is 6 days already and I have not got it for. To tell me, that there is a medium in the Dust. that may be. but the same Dust, out of the same purse I had Coined in San Francisco in the Time mentioned above, it seems they had not so much trouble with it. You must know that I am a Business Man, and need my money, and that if I have to borrow Money to meet my engagements it will cost me for that length of time from 30 to 50 $ for Interest. This will be the loss to me, by getting my Dust coined in the Mint of Philadelphia. Pleas inform me, what is the Cause of the detention of my Coin, by returning Mail. and whether or not you will Coin it for me, otherwise I shall Com over and get it melted in to Bar, in New York, I make no Mistake in regard to wait 2 weeks. for Coin.

Hoping to hear from you by returning Mail

I remain yours Respectfully,

Rob. Levy,

No 33 West Baltimore Street.

Dec. 6th 64

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday. The delay in the ascertainment of the balance of your deposit - and consequent payment, arises from the fact that it contains a considerable amount of iridium; and it was found necessary to subject it to processes, which required time to perform, in order to separate that metal from the Gold. It is now nearly effected and will be paid on Thursday or Wednesday next.

Very Respectfully

James Ritchie Thomson
Director of the Mint

Mr. Robert Leary
No. 33 West Balt. St.
Baltimore Md.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 4th 1851

Sir

In reference to the late authorization by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purchase of Silver Bullion at this Office, I have to request that you will inform me, the limited fineness above and below Standard, at which the same is received at the Mint, without charge for alloy or refining.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant

Wm. J. Dick
Treasurer

Daniel Dunglison Esq.
Treas' U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Taunton Dec 1. 1836.

Hond. Dan'l. Huntsman

Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir.

Above we hand bill of 18 kegs Copper planchets, shipped to Jch. S. L. Crocker — We shall forward one soon —

Yours.

Very Respectfully

Crocker & Bro. Glo

San Francisco
2 Dec 1856.

Sir

In perusing a letter recently addressed to you by the Melter & Refiner, I find the following points wh seem to need comment.

1. It affirms that whilst I was the Assayer of the Branch Mint, a new, complicated, & inferior system of Assaying was introduced.

2. That at one time there was confusion in the work of the Assay department, wh was so great as to make it necessary to enquire of the depositor the fineness of his bullion before it cd be reported

3. It insinuates that the results of the Assay department, were not relied upon as correct by the public.

4. That incompetent hands were employed in the department.

5. It affirms that the apparent gain of Silver by the Melter & Refiner, has been in part owing, to the Assayer having reported a higher fineness for the gold than the truth; - if this were true, owing to the methods of computation in the Mint, it wd render the Charge for Silver correspondingly smaller

Were it not that there is an apparent gain

of silver I wd deem any notice of these aspersion superfluous, but that circumstance lends an air of probability to the charge. I therefore proceed at once to show, that had the Silver Account of the Melter & Refiner been based upon assays solely, instead of upon general allowances & assumptions, there wd have been an apparent loss of Silver, of several thousand ozs. instead of an apparent gain.

Upon all coin deposites, the Melter & Refiner receives an allowance for silver (by its not being charged to him) of $\frac{1}{99}$th of the Standard weight of the gold. This amount, it is presumed by the government, is not parted in the ordinary course of refining, but is allowed to remain in the bullion, so as to form a legal alloy for the gold coins (See Mint law). The question here arises how many thousandths does this amount to?

The Standard weight of bullion is always $\frac{10}{9}$ths of the wt of the fine metal & $\frac{1}{99}$th of Standard weight is expressed thus; $\frac{1}{99}$th of $\frac{10}{9}$ths wh = $\frac{10}{891}$ths wh reduced to a decimal statement is .011 $\frac{2}{10}$. It is therefore assumed by the government, that gold bullion is refined to 988.8 but as a matter of fact, it has been refined to 992 or 993 for the average. Assuming it to be 993 there has been a clear gain in Silver of 4 $\frac{2}{10}$ thousandths. The number of Standard ozs upon wh this gain was made was 1 122 000, & it amounts to

4 712 8/10 ozs gain

Again, In accordance with your instructions, the computing clerk, has assumed that an average of

10 thousandths of base metals, has been contained in the deposites, wh have been parted for the benefit of the Mint. Had the Assay reports been followed, the average wd have been found to be about 7 thousandths. There was therefore a gain of about 3 thousandths upon the gross weight of all Coin deposites, parted for the benefit of the Mint. The Amt. thus parted, was 786,000 ozs upon wh .003 wd equal 2358 fine ozs = in Standard ozs to 2620 ozs

Adding gain previously found	4712 "
We have the total gain by not following assays	7332 Stdrd ozs
From which deduct the apparent gain	3692 "
And we have the Actual loss	3640 "

there is therefore no just ground for supposing that the silver has overrun from too high a report on Gold.

The basis of this surmise on the part of the Melter & Refiner is, that he believes the new system of Assaying introduced, does not remove the Silver wh is added in the proces of Assay, to as close as $\frac{1}{10}$ths of one thousandth.

This system of assaying is simpler than the one it superseded, & is more saving in materials, labor, & time. It is equally reliable, as has been proven by the experience of the N.Y. Assay Office, & the Philadelphia Mint. It is identical with the system in use in those establishments. Its distinctive feature is, that two acids of the same strength are used, instead of three acids of different strengths. It was not introduced however, until after a rigid & very full Comparison here, with the

previous systems, & it was repeatedly verified from day to day by "proofs", the validity of wh, it is a matter of regret, Mr Haraszthy does not seem to recognize.

Mr Haraszthy singularly errs, in imputing confusion to the operations of the Assay department. It is true that upon two occasions, it became necessary to base the assay reports, upon the fineneses wh were stamped upon the bars by private assayers, but this was not owing in the slightest degree to confusion in the assay department as will presently appear.

That the public did not have entire confidence in the Mint, is perhaps true. It may be owing to this fact, that we were not crowded even more fully with work than we were, but the causes of this lack of confidence are not in the Assay department.

Among others, the following are very manifestly prerequisites to a public faith in the Mint.

1. That each depositor's bullion be melted separately, & that none be erroneously numbered in the melting room.

2. That the deposite be thoroughly uniform in texture a homogeneous, after melting.

3. That the assay department be skilfully conducted, & that its results be correctly reported.

a Failure to secure either of these things, byds public distrust, but manifestly the Assayer is culpable only when there has been any lack of care or skill on his part

Althó' there have been numerous complaints of singular returns from the Mint, in no case have we as yet discovered an error of [in the assay department] work, & but twice an error of figures (in one case having reported .100 too much, wh the depositor discovered & drew our attention to) but in repeated instances results complained of have been traced to a confusion in the operations of the Melting room. So glaring did this trouble become, that the melter & Refiner felt it necessary to introduce an entirely new system of melting to avoid such confusion. Mixtures of different depositers bullion, were of daily occurrence until that time, & false numbers [were] stamped upon the deposites. It wd be strange indeed, if under such circumstances, the assayer cd make satisfactory results, and I confess to surprise that such a charge from such a source shd have been submitted to you as that of confusion in the assay department

Lack of homogeneity, in the deposites after melting, has been a fruitful source of dissatisfaction in this Branch Mint. In other similar establishments, there has been a remedy, but in this there has not. Elsewhere no gold is granulated until its fineness is reported to the Treasurer; here however, the moment the assay samples have been cut off, the gold is granulated. Hence when a deposite has been badly melted, it cannot be re-melted.

In two instances, (as before mentioned) this has made it necessary to take the stamps of private [assay]

as a ℔ basis for reporting the fineness. Both of these deposites were composed of a number of unparted bars wh differed widely in fineness. Upon being melted together they were cast without having been thoroughly mixed, & hence no reliable assay samples cd be obtained from them. This has been a frequent occurrence in other mints. The deposites in such cases ought to be remelted but in these instances, they had been granulated & there remained therefore but one of three things to do; viz either —

1. To refuse to report the fineness, until Authority cd be obtained from the Director of the Mint.

2nd To guess at the fineness, or

3rd To report the fineness wh was stamped upon the bars.

I chose the last because I desired to avoid all trouble in the institution. From this statement of facts, you will readily see that the Assayers inability to report correctly in these cases, arose not from any confusion in his department, as has been charged, but from a mal-practice in the Melting & Refinery, wh practice still obtains.

For some time I tabularized the results of the department, & upon reference to these tables I find that during eight consecutive weeks, 32 per cent. of all the assays wh were made in the department, arose from imperfect melting.

At no time, has there been any person employed in the ~~Mint~~ assay department, whether appointed by yourself or your predecessor, who has not been fully

competent to perform the duties assigned him.

It has been a painful thing to pen this letter. Were it not that justice to others as well as myself has demanded it, I shd have been silent & endured the attempted injury;-+ in responding, I shd have avoided all reflections upon other departments than my own, if it had been possible; but the nature of the case has precluded it;-+ as it is I shd have made no written communication had not the letter of Mr Hanaizthy been sent to Philadelphia. You will therefore do me the favor to send by the next mail this letter to the Director

Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
C Wiegan
late assayer

Private Bankers generally are informed that the cards of such firms will be inserted on the cover of the Bankers' Magazine, monthly, upon the following terms: One page, annually, $62.50; half a page, do., $31.25; two-fifths of a page, do., $25.00; one-fifth of a page, do., $12.50. For insertion in the Bankers' Almanac, each year, twenty per cent. of the above prices, in addition.

Office Bankers' Magazine and Statistical Register,
New-York, 152 Pearl Street, Dec 1 1856.

J. Rose Snowden Esq
Dear Sir.

A question having arisen as to the legal limits of Silver & Copper Coins: I find no Act of Congress in reference to the latter. In answer to the query propounded, I have prepared, for the pap. the enclosed paragraph: which please examine & make any proper corrections.

As your suggestions in reference to a reduced weight of the Copper Coins, has not yet been acted upon, perhaps it would be well

to urge this matter thro' the public
press. The time having now
arrived for the action of Congress,
I will be glad to receive at any
time any communications from
you or your friends on the subject,
as I think some good may be
accomplished thereby

Yours truly

Thos. H. Benton

[illegible] 2 [illegible]

Dear Sir

I have your letter of yesterday, as there were some inaccuracies in the article you enclosed I have re-written it, and added a remark on the proposed new coin.

I see you supposed that the coin silver was "debased". That is not so. The fineness is the same as the former standard, that is to say, 900 thousandths — the weight only was reduced. The 3 cents coined since the act of 1853 being of the same fineness as the other silver coins, are a tender in like manner with the larger denominations, namely to the amount of five dollars.

It is true that the cent and half-cent are not made a legal tender, but they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

December 2. 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. also of $50,000. in Silver Coins in a/c of Treasury draft No 3417. upon you for $100,000.

In reply to your P.S. I have to say that it will inconvenience me to receive the balance in other denominations than requested in my letter of the 29th ult.; as Silver purchases have already been made by this Office, to the amount of $50,000. and upwards. The whole of which is payable in dimes; and as this value will be determined by tomorrow or the day following, it is very desirable that in order to meet the payments promptly, I should be placed in funds as early as possible.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Svt

Wm. P. Olcott
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Lawrence Dec 7. 1866

Wm. Dana. Thompson.

Fees: U.S. Mint

Sirs -

We have received your favor of the 25th ult. with Check on New York for $833.50 being in payment for one bill of Copper planchets amounting to $364.8.

We will forward by Express the half cent planchets.

We have on hand a small quantity, made some time ago, which you should like to have sent to you, if agreeable, for the value of which we will receive half cent in payment — Very Respy.

xDecimal less. Crocker Bro. & Co.

Norfolk House,
Roxbury, Mass. Dec. 19. 56.

J. Ross Snowden, Edgr.

Dear Sir:

Being very much interested in your efforts to introduce the new cent coin (and wishing to present Specimens to gentlemen in this Section connected with the press.) I shall esteem it a favor if you will forward me a few Specimens, if you have them to spare.

Very Respectfully, Yours.

E. A. Colburn.

22d. Ans. in usual manner — Ors Sp. sent.

(copy)

My Dear Sir,

I hope you will not forget the cent bill which was referred to you by the Committee of Ways & Means. When I had the pleasure of seeing you in Washington last Summer you pointed out several desirable amendments to the bill. I now desire to say that I most cheerfully acquiesce in the suggestions you made. The main object of the bill is to substitute a smaller & better cent for the present cumbrous and black coin.

I send you two specimens struck from the metal proposed and of the size and weight of the coin, namely 88 per Cent Copper
12 " " Nickel

weighing 72 grains.

I concur with you that there is no propriety in making the small Spanish coin a legal tender. They will come to the melting-pot under the provision of this bill, and no body under any circumstances would think of tendering them in payment of a debt. The 9th. section might very well be struck out. The Director of the Mint since 1794 has made an annual report for the Natural Year, and the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury embraces the Coinage for the fiscal year. I see no propriety in making any change.

The other amendments proposed in my letter to Mr Guthrie, Sec. of the Treasury, dated April 22. 1856, a copy of which I saw in your hands, I hope will receive your favorable attention.

I am not certain whether you have a copy of my letter to the Sec. of the Treasury, dated the 11th. of July last, and for fear it has been mislaid I send you herewith a copy. I do this because it presents my views more at length than I can now find time to do. I may add that the Metal wears well and keeps its color. I carried a specimen

in my pocket for several months to test it.

When you have prepared the bill in accordance with your views, will you be so kind as to send me a copy? I trouble you with this communication because I am pressed on all hands and from every quarter for the new cents; in fact the public are very anxious for its issue, and I hope we may soon be authorized to issue them, and commence the withdrawal of the present cent from circulation as well as the worn and unsightly fractions of the dollar.

As the bill is in your hands, we look to you for the passage of this useful and important measure.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your friend & Servant

James Ross Snowden

Philada. Dec. 17. 1856.

Hon: John S. Phelps
Committee of Ways & Means
House of Repres.
Washington City

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1857/JANUARY

Treasury Department
Jany 30. 1857.

Sir

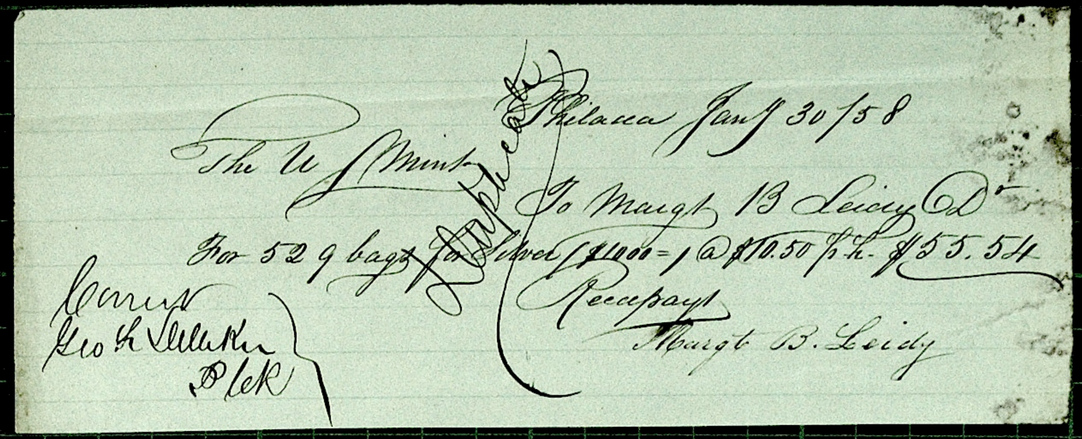
Be pleased to inform the Department what amount you can supply of dimes & half dimes to be sent to Louisville Ky.

I am very Resp.

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

Danl. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer Mint
Phila.

30 ds
20 ½ ds



The U.S. Mint
Philada Jany 30/58

To Margt B Leidy Dr

For 52 9 bags Standard Silver $1000 = 1 @ $10.50 p/k. $25.54

Receipt

Margt B. Leidy

Geo. H. Stuart
Dep. Clk

City Post Office
Washington D.C. Jany 30 1837

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Sir:

Will you please inform me what allowance will be made at the Mint, for One pound avoirdupois of worn Eighth Sixteenths of a dollar Spanish Coin.

I am Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
James L. Berret
Postmaster

Reply
In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that One pound avoirdupois of such coin yield about 14 ounces of standard silver, which at the Mint price of $1.22½ per ounce, will return $17.15
J.R.S.

Feb. 2. 7.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th ult°, rec'd this morning — I have to state that the bill providing for the new cents has not yet become a law. It was materially amended in the House of Reps, and has been sent back to the Senate where it originated.

Silver coins are received by weight and not by tale at the mint. We pay 1.22½ cents per ounce troy of standard fineness, 900 thousandths. I send you a copy of my last circular giving some further information on this subject.

It may be interesting for you to know that one pound, avoirdupois (the weight most in use) of Three cent pieces & 16ths of a dollar will yield $17.15 at the Mint at the price above stated.

I am, with great regard
yours very truly
James [illegible], Director.

Hon. James R. [illegible]
Honesdale Pa

Norristown Pa Jany 29 1857

J. Rose Snowden Esqr

Dr Sir

You will oblige by informing me at your earliest convenience whether the Mint is exchanging the new cent for the old - What is the least quantity you receive at one time - and whether the freight will be paid back and forth from this place - Also at what rate the Spanish quarter is received at the Mint - viz whether a specific price by tale, and how much - or whether you buy by weight, and how much pr oz troy -

I am aware I am giving you trouble but I do not know how I can otherwise get the desired information

I am with much respect

Yours &c

Jas R. Dickson

Let me know also if you please whether you take Spanish Eighths & Sixteenths, by weight or otherwise

No. 82.

One hundred & twenty eight Bars Silver Bullion transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, in pursuance of the act of March 1855, by John F. Cisco Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, N.Y.

	Bars			ounces dec	
No. 384.	10	Weight.		1938.04	@ 991/2 ‰
5.	13	"		2355.07	" 997
6.	9	"		1667.29	" 980/2
7.	13	"		2528.34	" 991/2
8.	12	"		2250.73	" 999
9	12	"		2201.07	" 999
390.	13	"		2264.67	" 999
1	5	"	22.29	923.19	" 999/2
2	10			1904.57	" 990
3	9	1061.30	"	1675.73	" 997
4	12	"		2240.44	" 999/2
5	10	"		1864.06	" 996/2
128				23,813.20	gross ozs.
				26.346.60	Standard,

@ $1.22/2 per Stand. oz. = $32.274.58.

Twelve Boxes # 7 @ 18:

January 28th 1856.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

~~1,~~ 10.000 ½
18.000 ½
4.270.71 ½
32.270 71

January 28. 1857

Sir

I have this day transmitted in the usual manner, Twelve boxes of Silver bullion, as per acciept and my statement inclosed, amounting in nut value @ ₱ 1.22½ pr St. Oz. to ₱ 32,274.58 The acciept of which please acknowledge, and remit in payment ₱ 10.000/. in half dollars
18.000. . Quarter .
4.274.58 . half dimes.

I will thank you to enclose the fractional pieces in a separate parcel, and forward at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Yours.

Wm J Eliot
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U S Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. Jan 30th Forwarded this day.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 82. Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Box containing _____ Gold Bullion,

Five " " 23,813.20 Ozs. Silver "

Parcel " _____

Amounting in Nett value to $ 32271.58

Thirty two Thousand Two hundred &

Seventy four 58/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at

Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 28 1857

Adams Express Co. H Babcock

Treasury Department
January 24th 1837

Sir;

The President has this day designated Prof. H. L. Anderson, Dr. J. A. Hays, Hon John K. Findley, Capt. D. H. Bowman U.S.A., Socrates Mampin, to meet at Philadelphia on the 2nd Monday in February to discharge the duties required by the Mint Law of January 1837.

I am, very Respy.

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

To

James R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

TREAS·DEPT·WASHN·XXIIID· J·R·SNOWDEN·ESQR· DIRECTOR OF MINT· PHILA· PLEASE SEND ON DUPLICATE OF YOUR LETTER·SUGGESTING

EASE SEND ON DUPLICATE OF YOUR LETTER·SUGGESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ASSAYS· HOWELL COBB· SECY·TREASURY·

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
January 22d 1857.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint, Philadelphia, Penna.
Sir.

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of November 1856 has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found due from you to the United States of $214.52 1.09.

Most Sincerely
Your
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the annual custom, in regard to the Annual appropriation of the mint, I beg leave to suggest the following named gentlemen as suitable persons to be designated as Special Commissioners.

Viz: Prof. H. A. Rowland - Baltimore
Dr. A. A. Hayes - Boston
Com. John R. Findley - Philada
Do - Capt. A. W. Bowman U.S.A. if it shd be Convenient for him to be present, and you should desire it.

I beg also to say that if any other names occur to you they can be added, or substituted for the gentlemen above presented, if you prefer it. The number is not restricted by Law but five or six have been found to be a convenient number.

If the Communications to the gentlemen thereby designated are made through their offices it will take occasion to furnish them with some account which will be useful in any preliminary examination they may make as to the parties who will receive appointments and also, indicate the terms when it will be convenient for the

commissioners to assemble. This course prevents delay, and misapprehension, and facilitates the operations of the Assay.

I am, with the highest respect,
Your friend & obt servant,

James Ross Snowden

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Jan. 19th [illegible]

Sir,

I have to request that you will call the attention of the President to the necessity of appointing special commissioners for the annual assay which is to be held at the Mint on the 9th prox.— second Wednesday of February — as is directed by the 30th section of the general Mint Laws.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Jan. 20 /7.

The night watchmen must more rapidly conform to the regulations which require them to pull the rounds of the building every hour; and the watch clock will be marked every hour on the hour.

The night watchmen will be expected to assist the night Engineer whenever their services are necessary.

James Rose Snowden
Director of the Mint.

A Lieutenant with two Privates will see this order is complied with.

S.R.S.

Department of the Interior
January 19th 1857.

Sir,

The Certificate of Deposite for $3.350 for the Coupons of Tennessee Bonds enclosed to you in letter of 9th Inst, has been received.

With my thanks for your prompt action in the matter

I remain

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm H Ellegood
Secretary

To
J. Rose Snowden Esq.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Philada January 18. 1859

U.S. Mint

Prof Isaac A Bucher

4/6 doz Buck Mittens @ 9.75 39.62

Box 1.00

$40.62

Rec'd Payment

Per Isaac Bucher

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
January 16, 1857.

Daniel Stingum Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Penn.
Sir.

All deposites made prior to the instructions from this Department relative to the forms of taking and entering receipts remaining unpaid, may not be applicable to my decision of October 8. 1856, I therefore approve the endorsement referred to in your favor of the 15th inst.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

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Mint of the United States.
Phila Jan 16. 1857.

Messrs Sellers & Keyser:
No 17 S. Sixth St.

Gentlemen:

You will please ship to the "Superintendent of the Branch Mint San Francisco" Two Barrels of Bees wax.— Get Bills of Lading in name of "Director of the Mint" & present them with your Bill at this office.—

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director's Clerk

P.S. You will please ship the above articles by the first vessel that leaves this Port for San Francisco.— Direct as follows— Superintendent Br. Mint
San Francisco

Duplicate

Phila January 16/57

Col J. R. Snowden Dir of the Mint

Bot of Sellers & Snyder

2 Bbl Bees Wax				
170 21				
164 21				
334 42	292 –	28	81	76
	2 Bbl –	37½		75
			82	51

Received Payment

Sellers & Snyder

Treas

H. of R.
15th Jany '57

Dr Sir

I send you a bill
among the sections of the
House on the Coinage
bill.

Yours truly
John S. Phelps

Col J Ross Snowden
Director of Mint

P.S. I omitted the statement
which in my remarks was
attributed to you in relation
of Tenders but said nothing

more than that I was
mistaken when I attributed
that remark to you.

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" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington Jan 13 1857

Rec'd. Philadelphia, 13 1857, 11 o'clock, 43 min. A M.

To James Ross Snowden
U.S. Mint.

Is Major Bowman in Philadelphia? Please reply immediately by telegraph. If he is there please say to him he is wanted here

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

22/54

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United States Assay Office
New York, Jan. 13, 1857.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed tabular statements A and B, exhibiting the business of this Office for the year past. As soon as the accounts of the Melter & Refiner are settled, and his wastage determined, I will submit some further statements upon the operations & present condition of this Office. The enclosed tables are sent in advance to furnish the information required for the preparation of your Annual Report.

Very respectfully, &c.
Sam'l. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

January 15, 1857.

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst enclosing a pay Memorandum of Silver Bullion transmitted on the 8th is rec'd and also Silver Coins by The Adams Exps. Company, in payment for the same, making the amount of $ 11,705.29 placed to the credit of your a/c.

Very Respectfully Yours.

John J. Cisco
Treasurer.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

January 1. 1851.

Sir

I herewith transmit receipt and Statement of Eight bars, (93 bars) of Gold bullion. forwarded this day by the Adams Express Company. for Coinage. Weighing 23,187.59 Oz gross, of the Net value of $473,120.37

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same, and remit in payment, the entire amount in double eagles.

Very Respectfully
Your ob Servant

Wm. J. Glen
Treasurer.

Daniel Stanyard Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 81 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Eight Box containing 23,187.59 Ozs. Gold Bullion,

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $473,020.37

Four Hundred and Seventy Three Thousand,

and Twenty dollars 37/100

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at ½ per

Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 1 1857

For Adams Express Co. [illegible]

United States Assay Office
New York, January 28, 1857.

Sir,

From the tabular statements, transmitted to you on the 13th inst., you will already have learned the details of the business of this Office for the year 1856. I beg leave now to present to you some further statements concerning the operations of the year, & the general condition of the Office.

The Assayer reports his department to be in excellent condition, and states that all the persons employed therein have faithfully & satisfactorily discharged their respective duties; that the assays have been promptly reported; and that the capacity of his department is ample for our present business, and equal to any probable increase. It gives me pleasure to add that this statement of the efficiency and the orderly condition of the Assayer's department has been confirmed by my own observations during the year, & that Dr. Torrey is deserving of high commendation for the manner in which the duties of his office have

been performed.

The report from the Melter & Refiner, as to the operations of his department, is equally satisfactory. On the settlement of his account with the Treasurer, at the close of the year, the allowance required for wastage was extremely small; being for gold $\frac{218}{1000}$ of one millième, and for silver $\frac{178}{1000}$. As compared with last year (1855) when the wastage was less than half the legal allowance of two millièmes, the above results show a saving to the government of about $17,000. In this connection it may be interesting to present to you the following tabular statement, showing the actual wastage on gold & silver at this Office for each year since its establishment, as compared with the legal allowance or limit.

Year.	Metal.	Amt. operated on.	Actual Wastage.			Legal Limit 2/1000 ths.		Less than Legal Limit.	
		Ounces, &c.	Thousandths	Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.
1854.	Gold	164,026 —	0.717	2,189	80	6,103	29	3,913	49
	Silver	541,103 —	1.892	1,191	52	1,259	39	67	87
1855.	Gold	1,125,262 —	0.943	19,749	00	41,870	21	22,121	21
	Silver	2,437,650 —	0.741	2,102	64	5,673	08	3,570	44
1856	Gold	1,059,766 —	0.218	4,295	20	39,433	15	35,137	95
	Silver	2,799,332 —	0.178	579	91	6,514	80	5,934	89

The amount of gold received at this port from San Francisco in 1856, was. $40,500,000.

Of this amount there was deposited at this Office 17,500,000.

Leaving a balance of $23,000,000,

consisting for the most part in coin of the San Francisco Branch Mint, and of which the greater portion was exported to Europe.

The capacity of this Office is fully equal to double the business of the past year; and such an increase, in consequence of a corresponding increase of deductions, would be attended with a diminution of the net expense of the Office to the government. This being the case, it can hardly be a wise policy for the government to be performing in California this excessive coinage. It seems apparent that the proper function of the California Mint is, for the most part, making uncoined bars, and I venture again to suggest that the charges at that Mint be regulated, as far practicable, so as to produce that result.

In concluding, I have the pleasure to

state that all the departments of this Office, are in effective condition, and that the business of the year past has been performed with promptness & accuracy.

Very respectfully,
your obt. servt.
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

From
Supt. Mint & Assay Office
New York

Condition of that
Mint at the close of
1856.

Feb. 2. 1857

The amount of the refining operations of the Melter & Refiner, during the year, has been about the same as for the year 1855; and yet the labors of his department have been performed with about one fourth less workmen than in 1855. This fact, together with the low wastage noticed above, proves that great economy & skill have been practised. The report of Mr. Kent contains other matters of interest, and I herewith enclose it for your consideration.

In connection with Mr. Kent's remarks as to the working of the improved process of washing sweeps introduced by him, I deem it proper to give the following comparitive statement of the expense of the old & new processes.

1. Estimated Expense of old process.

Labor of 3 workmen	1 year	$1,690.
Crucibles, fluxes, fuel & labor	"	2,600.
Loss on sale of 100 bbls. sweeps	"	3,495.
	Total	$7,785.
Being per barrel of sweeps		$77.85
" 100 lbs. do.		22.24

II. Estimated expense of new process.

Labor of 1 workman	1 year	$ 560.00
Crucibles, fluxes &c.	"	104.00
Loss on sale of 100 Bbls. sweeps	"	1,380.00
	Total	$ 2,044.00

Being per barrel of sweeps $ 20.44
" 100 lbs. ds. 5.84

This statement was prepared from data derived from the experience of this Office, furnished by the foreman of the Melter & Refiner's department.

The Expenditures of the Assay Office for the year 1866, were as follows:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$ 23,200.00
" Wages of Workmen	36,759.12
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses	50,594.86
Total	$ 110,553.98

The deductions from deposits, which are applicable to the Incidental Expenses of the Office, during the same period, were $ 59,935.61
Deducting Wastages, Loss on Sweeps &c. 7,654.85

There remains a Net amount of profits $ 52,280.76
being an excess above the Inc. & Cont. Expenses of the year of $ 1,685.90

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

January 10. 1857.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. inclosing assay memorandum of gold bullion Transmitted on the 6th. and receipt of the Adams Express Company, for $473,066.89 in gold Coins, in payment Therefor: and the Same has been placed to your Credit.

Very Respectfully Yours

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas' U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

John J. Cisco
Treasurer.

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Wm. Dand. Sturgeon.

Treas.r U. S. Mint.

Sir.

We have
your favor of the 7th Inst.
with draft for $1678 29
in full for our bills of planchets,
as stated.

Shall we continue to
make & forward planchets
to you, as heretofore? say
20 kegs per month?

Awaiting your reply.—
We remain
Very Respectfully
Yours.

Crocker Bro. & Co.

Jan. 9 1.

Sir.

I received last night on my residence your telegraphic despatch asking me to send my annual report.

As the Report must embrace the operations of the mint and its branches for the year 1856 it cannot be prepared and I desire a statement from the several superintendents for each month in the year. Up to the present time I have not received any reports for the Month of December except from the Branch at Charlotte. I expect to receive the others in time to present my report during the present month, in accordance with the 11th section of the general mint law which requires the Director in the month of January in every year to make report to the President of the United

of the operations of the Mint and its branches for the year preceding."

I hope to receive the report of the operations of the branch Mint at San Francisco in December about the 20th of this month.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful humble servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington Jan 8 1857

Rec'd, *Philadelphia*, Jan 8 1857, o'clock, 6.24 min. P. M.

To J R Snowden
Director of Mint

Please send your annual report

James Guthrie

$150

Department of the Interior
January 9th 1857.

Sir,

By mail of this day I transmit to you one hundred and thirty four (134) coupons Tennessee 5 per Ct. Bonds, amounting to $3,350. as per Abstract enclosed to you in my letter of the 2d July 1855.

Please collect the same and deposite the amount thereof for me, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, as interest on Stocks held in trust by this Department for the benefit of the Indians.

Respectfully
Your ob't Serv't
Robert McClelland
Secretary

To
J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

January 10. [illegible]7.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the [illegible] enclosing [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] which have been [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible],550 [illegible] of the [illegible] of the U. S. [illegible] to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as per enclosed receipt therefor.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint.

Hon. R. McClelland

Sec. of the Interior

Washington City.

January 7. 1

Sir,

I herewith transmit the Official bond of Samuel H. Graham, as Weigh Clerk & Gauger of the Assay Office at New York, which I have certified as to my satisfaction.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
Samuel Ward Van Buskirk
Director Bd. Assist.

Elisha N. Whittlesey Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

January 8. 1851

Sir

I herewith inclose receipt and Statement of Six bars, containing 57 bars Silver bullion; gross weight 9,675.05 ozs. net value at $ 1.22½ pr Stand. ounce $ 11,702.12 the receipt of which please acknowledge, and remit Quarter dollars in payment for the same.

Very Respectfully Yours

John J. Cisco
Treasurer.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 81 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Box containing ..... Gold Bullion,

" " 9675.05 Ozs. Silver "

Parcel " .....

Amounting in Nett value to $ 11702.12

Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred & two 12/100 dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 8 1857

Adams Express Co. J. Pilbeck

February 2, 7.

Sir,

The enclosed Statement exhibits the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint during the Month of January last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Pittsburgh Jan. 7th 1857

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Dear Sir

I write to inform you that I have again started my Foundry to day and the first thing in order will be to make a Chilled Roll for the mint as per your order of November 20th last which we will print as soon as possible send it on and hope you will be good enough to excuse the delay it being owing owing to circumstances over which I had no control In looking over the Phila Press of Dec 31st last I read with much pleasure the Editors notice of a Pamphlet lately published by you entitled a Measure proposed to secure to the People a Safe Treasury and a Sound Currency and as this corresponds with my Views exactly and also with the Views of many citizens here with whom I have conversed on the subject — you will therefore oblige me much by sending me on a few of these as I wish not only for myself to read it but also to distribute them round — I am respectfully

yours &c

John C Parry

By Oby

Treasury department
First Auditor's office
January 7th 1857

Hon Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary A/c for December last.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt

T. L. Smith
Auditor

January 6. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find receipt of the Adams Express Co. for a box containing 172 Copper Medals forwarded to you this day.

Very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Benjn. V. Brewster Esq.
Secy. Mass. Charitable Mechl. Association,
Boston,
Mass.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

$ Duplicate

Philadelphia, January 6th 1857

Received of Hon. James Ross Snowden

~~and~~ said to contain Director U.S. Mint

One Box (Containing 172 Bronzed Copper Medals

MARKED Admiral J. P. Brewster Esq

Treasurer

Mass. Charitable Mechanic Assn. Boston Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., **UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.**

Freight, ________

Insurance, ________

FOR THE PROPRIETORS, Jno. A. Bell

Craig, Printer, 116 Chestnut St., over the Express Office.

From
Michael Schmit
York Pa

Price of Silver
Ans by Circular

Jany. 1857.

York Pa
Jany 6 1857

J R Snowden Esq
Dr Sir
Please let me
know the premium on
old American Silver Dollars
& half Dollars on Exchange
for New Coin

Yours respectfully
Michael Schmit

Ans. by Circular
Jan 9. 1857.